

# **Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum**

At Emmaus Catholic and Church of England Primary School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Behaviour Policy, These adjustments are set out below:

## **Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.**

Children will enter school through their designated entrance at the agreed time. Children will go straight to their designated hub, keeping a 2m distance from any other individual. There will be markers on the floors to support children with social distancing.

At their designated home time, children will leave the school site one at a time when their parent or carer has come to collect them, again keeping their distance.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their hub classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will follow the markers on the floor to ensure they stay 2m from peers and adults. Children will follow an adult from their hub on their designated route.

Children will be expected to tell a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting signs of Coronavirus by raising their hand.

Children must have a responsibility for their own equipment e.g. water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.

## **Hand washing and Hygiene**

Children will be expected to follow all hand washing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands /use antibacterial gel after entering school, after returning from the outside, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

We ask children to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it, mantra when in school, if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

## **Social Distancing**

Children who are old enough will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field at all times. Pupils in KS1 and 2 Key Worker Groups, Y1 and Y6 will have their own table with chairs spaced 2m apart. When children enter their hub, they will be expected to go straight to their table and nowhere else in the room. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support, they will not get out of their seats.

Teachers will ensure that pupils, where ever possible, adhere to social distancing measures. Where older pupils are not complying , the usual disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible.

### **Toilets**

Children will be supervised and encouraged to use the toilets one at a time (this may not always be possible with reception children).When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands.

### **Break times**

Children will have a designated place to play during break times. Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

### **Behaviour in school**

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their pods or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people. The following sanctions and disciplinary procedures could be used: •

- Conversation(s) with pupil(s) which could include a verbal warning, other behaviour management strategies in line with our current behaviour policy.
- Once all appropriate behaviour management strategies have been exhausted, contact should be made with pupil's parent/carer. •
- If the health and safety of other pupils and staff members are put at risk by the pupils not adhering to social distancing measures, then the parent/carer will be expected to collect the pupil and a fixed term exclusion will be applied in line with Exclusion guidance.

### **Pupils with Special Educational Needs**

School acknowledges that children will have had a range of different experiences during the lockdown period which may have an impact on their behaviour presentation upon return to school. Some may present with frustration as a result of being isolated from friends or having missed a significant event or experience; e.g. exams, school trip, etc.

Others may have experienced bereavement or loss or another, real or perceived, traumatic episode. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, under unusual circumstances, may require some additional input

and encouragement. As a result of these varied experiences children may present with behaviour that is not usual, this may include; •

- Anxiety; lack of confidence •
- Challenging behaviour; fight or flight response •
- Anger; shouting, crying •
- Hyperactivity and difficulties maintaining attention

For some children, including those with attachment concerns or SEN, and especially those with autism, the change in routines and lack of familiarity will require additional adjustment. School recognises that behaviour could be a sign that for some individual children there is an unfulfilled need and that the behaviour is communicating that there is a problem. The school will undertake an individual risk assessment for the child and use reasonable endeavours to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus that may be triggering the challenging response.