

# St Benedict's Catholic School Behaviour Policy

## Covid-19 Appendix

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following schools being closed to the majority of students, the Department of Education have announced the phased re-opening of Secondary School starting with the introduction of face-to-face sessions delivered to Year 10 & 12 Students with guidance on re-opening for other year groups to follow.
- 1.2 This Appendix to the St Benedict's Behaviour Policy details amendments/adaptations made during the time delivering face-to-face sessions, rather than providing the typical school day experienced up to April 2020
- 1.3 To make it easy to read, this appendix talks about teachers. But when we use the word teachers we also mean other staff with responsibility for students.
- 1.4 This policy appendix is guided by the Department for Education Guidance released throughout May 2020 regarding the re-opening of schools and other education establishments.
- 1.5 This policy appendix is specifically intended to:
- ensure the safety of every student and member of staff during this time.
  - encourage young people to take responsibility for their behaviour during this time
  - tackle incidents/instances of poor behaviour effectively and respectfully during this time.
  - allow teachers to feel safe and supported during this time
  - foster an environment where all members of our school community respect and adhere to the social distancing during this time.
- 1.6 The information in this policy will be communicated:
- to students – in a letter sent home on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, in the first session held on students' first day of face-to-face sessions and on the school's website.
  - to teachers – Via staff update, staff shared area and school's website.
  - To parents/carers – in the letter sent home on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and on the school's website.

### 2. What we expect students to do during this time

2.1 Students must only use the entrance they have been assigned to enter the school building. (this is outlined in their bubble colour)

2.2 Students must wait on a designated spot social distanced when they arrive until their bubble is registered and escorted in to the school building and their classroom.

- 2.3 Students must sanitise their hands on entering the school building
- 2.4 Students must walk directly to their designated classroom. Students are not permitted to move around the building freely or open any closed door.
- 2.5 Students must walk directly to their assigned desk. Students **must** only sit at their assigned desk. Students must not touch any other desk assigned to another student or any equipment on a desk assigned to another students.
- 2.6 Students must meet our expectations behaviour in class which are set out in a classroom expectations. Warn, move and remove will not be possible under the DFE guidance therefore students will receive two warnings before being removed by SLT.
- 2.7 We will not permit any student to not meet our classroom expectations.
- 2.8 Students must not attempt to make physical contact with any person
- 2.9 Students must not attempt to deliberately move within 2 meters of any person
- 2.10 Students must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19 for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing.
- 2.11 Students must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm.
- 2.12. Due to the movement of teachers, rather than students between classrooms, there may be short periods where students are unaccompanied. Students must continue to meet the expectations that have been detailed and explained during these times.

### **3. What we expect our teachers to do during this time.**

- 3.1 We expect all our teachers to address any behaviour that is unacceptable, who breaks our school rules or who doesn't follow reasonable instruction.
- 3.2 Teachers will address poor behaviour by speaking to the student and giving them an instruction to stop and a warning where appropriate. After the second warning and the student fails to comply the teacher will call a member of SLT to remove the students.
- 3.3 Teachers will report any poor behaviour witnessed to a member of SLT
- 3.4 Where the behaviour of a student makes us worried that they are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm, we expect our staff to follow our safeguarding policy.

## **4. The actions we may take when a student misbehaves during this time.**

4.1 Any student that cannot cooperate with our expectations will be directed to return home and will continue with home learning until further notice. This will be at least 5 school days but will last until the Head teacher decides they can return to face to face sessions. (Where appropriate students will be isolated until they can be collected by a parent/carer)

4.2 Any students that displays behaviours that they are not willing to cooperate with us maintaining a safe environment will be deemed to have committed a serious breach of the School's behaviour policy and there for additional sanction, detailed in the schools behaviour policy may be considered.

4.3 The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour (additional to our current Behaviour Policy) specific to the context of the phased return delivery of face-to-face sessions, though the list is not exhaustive.

- Refusing to sanitise hands
- Wearing a face covering that covers more than just nose and mouth
- Not moving directly to the allocated classroom
- Deliberately making contact, or attempting to make contact with another person
- Deliberately moving within 2 meters or attempting to move with two meters of another person
- Deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and or sneezing.
- Not attempting to cover the nose and mouth with the tissue or arm when coughing and /or sneezing.

## **5. Behaviour outside the school during this time.**

5.1 Students must not congregate in groups with others beyond their household before or after school.

5.2 Students must leave school site when directed and once outside make their way directly home, to parental pick up or bus station maintaining social distancing at all times.

5.3 Failure to follow these instructions outside of school during this time will result in the student being directed to complete home-learning until further notice and not return for face-to-face sessions.

