



ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Diocese of Westminster

ADDENDUM: COVID-19 BEHAVIOUR POLICY 2020

Mission Statement: 'We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together, in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.'

Community Prayer: "Let us pray for one another, no matter what our culture, nationality, disability or gender, let us all be one in His name."

Aims: Love, Respect, Honesty.

This addendum to the Behaviour Policy of English Martyrs Primary School is for use during the arrangements for education of students in school during the Covid-19 partial school closures. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the existing Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, and E-Safety Policy.

To be reviewed in line with government guidance.

Purpose

On Thursday 14th May, 2020, the Department for Education published updated guidance for Preparing for the wider opening of schools from 1 June. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools#annex-a-behaviourprinciples>

This addendum of English Martyrs Primary School's behaviour policy contains details of our individual arrangements. We will follow Department for Education guidance to inform development of school policies as required (Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support)

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils are expected to:

- Arrive to and depart from school premises at the agreed time and from an agreed entrance. (Adults should maintain a two metre distance to other families when dropping off or collecting their children)
- Wash hands thoroughly before entering school premises and while in school, wash their hands for at least 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Remain in their designated seating within the classroom during lesson time.
- Keep a safe distance from other pupils and refrain from physical contact with their peers.
- Maintain healthy practise when coughing or sneezing - The main principal is to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it': cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoiding touching the mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- Adhere to rules in relation to toilet visits and pre-arranged playtime activities.
- Refrain from biting, spitting or coughing at or towards other pupils and members of staff.
- Maintain responsibility for their own equipment e.g. stationery and water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.
- Tell a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting signs of Coronavirus.

There is a child friendly version of these rules (Appendix 1) at the end of this document which explains the rules to pupils. Class teachers will ensure that these are displayed in the class room and that they are explained to pupils.

Sanctions for unsafe behaviour during the partial closure (including pupils who are deliberately not following instructions for social distancing).

- Conversation(s) with pupil(s) which could include a verbal warning, moving seats if logistically possible and other behaviour management strategies in line with current behaviour policy.
- All appropriate behaviour management strategies will be used (see current behaviour policy) including pupil working in isolation. However, once these have been exhausted, contact will be made with pupil's parent/carer and further action taken.
- 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. SATS, school trip, etc. Others may have experienced bereavement or loss or another, real or perceived, traumatic episode. For many, the process of reengagement 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.
- 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.

Children with SEN are recognised as being particularly vulnerable and therefore have an urgent need to be re-integrated back into school as soon as reasonably possible. School will work closely with parents to implement supportive strategies that will inform an appropriate response. If necessary school will seek external support from other agencies such as Educational Psychologists or Early Help. The head teacher and governing board must have regard to the SEND Code of Practice and the Equality Act.

Appendix 1

English Martyrs Behaviour Policy Addendum June 2020 – Child Friendly version

School has changed since you were last here and we have some new rules and responsibilities for you. You need to follow all of them to keep you safe.

I know that you can do these things:

- Wait outside the gate with your parent until it is time for you to come in.
- Line up with your group. Smile at each other and chat but remember to leave a safe distance between each other.



- Remember to keep a safe distance when walking around the school and in the playground.
- Sit at your desk. Your teacher will show you which one is yours. You will stay at the same desk and have all of your equipment in your own tray. Put your lunchbox and water bottle under your desk with your coat.
- Wash your hands when your teacher asks you to for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.



- Ask a member of staff if you need to use the toilet. You will go one at a time and remember to wash your hands very carefully.
- If you sneeze it is very important to use a tissue and throw this in the special bin. If you cough you need to use your elbow.
- We will stay in our seats but go outside for break times and at lunch play. We will eat our lunch in our classroom.
- If you have a question put your hand up and someone will help you. Stay in your seat.
- You must take care of your own belongings and you must not share them with anyone else.
- Tell a member of staff if you are feeling unwell.