

Holy Family Catholic School

Behaviour Policy (COVID-19) Addendum

Updated March 2021

This addendum will be updated regularly during the coming months.

The School's Behaviour Policy is comprehensive in outlining how we expect students to behave and the sanctions that may result when the school rules are broken. This addendum draws particular attention to elements of the Behaviour Policy in light of the impact that the Coronavirus may have already had on members of our community and as far as possible, to enable everyone to keep healthy and safe in school while the virus remains a threat.

This should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour Policy. The measures that the school is taking to reduce the likelihood of infection is outlined in detail in the latest version of the school's COVID risk assessment.

1. Respect for everyone

This is at the heart of the Holy Family Way when things are 'normal', however an even greater degree of respect and consideration for others is now required. Members of our school community may have suffered bereavement or anxiety as a result of the pandemic and the period of lockdown is likely to have caused further anxiety or hardship in many forms. Each member of our school community will need to show compassion and understanding when interacting with others, including:

- Students following the school rules
- Staff enforcing the school rules
- All members of our community following the guidelines detailed in the risk assessment.

2. Reducing the risks of infection

Students must:

- Adhere to the year group 'bubble' arrangements and as far as possible, stay away from students from other year groups.
- Follow instructions from staff without question
- Not make physical contact with others
- Wash or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day
- Sanitise desks in lessons under the direction of the class teacher
- Behave well and safely abide by social distancing rules on buses and trains and follow the instructions of TfL staff. This currently includes wearing a face covering on public transport.
- Behave appropriately in the local community, adhering to social distancing rules or other pandemic-related restrictions and wearing face coverings in shops. This includes not congregating in groups and allowing members of the public to pass at a safe distance.

Students are to wear face coverings (visors are not permitted) inside the school building at all times other than when eating, drinking or participating in a PE lesson. (The wearing of face coverings is to be review by the Government at Easter).

3. Behaviour

Behaviour that is unbecoming of a Holy Family student is dealt with severely under 'normal' circumstances, however since the following types of breach of the school rules may also result in the spread of infection, they are likely to result in very serious sanctions:

- Making physical contact with others, including fighting of any kind
- Failure to follow the instructions of a member of staff

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- Deliberate failure to comply with the policy on face coverings, social distancing or other infection-reducing measures in school
- Deliberate failure to comply with social distancing or other infection-reducing measures on the way to and from school
- Deliberately touching other people's belongings
- Spitting
- Chewing gum
- Any other instances of deliberately increasing the risk of infection to others, including coughing or sneezing in the direction of others or on another student's belongings.
- Using a face covering to conceal identity in order to behave poorly in the local community.

4. Bullying

Bullying, in all its forms is always dealt with severely. However, since members of our school community will have been seriously affected by the pandemic, any bullying linked to it will be likely to have an even greater impact on the mental wellbeing of the victim.

Hence the following forms of bullying will be likely to result in very serious sanctions:

- Sharing insults linked to the pandemic or the effects it may have had on an individual or their family
- Accusing an individual of having the virus
- 'Joking' about the effects of the virus
- Deliberately increasing the risk of infection to a targeted individual in any way

5. Remote Learning (applies until all students return to face to face teaching on 12th March)

- Students should abide by the normal rules pertaining to appropriate internet use at all times.
- Students should engage with the remote learning tasks that have been set for them, submit assignments on time and alert their teacher if they are having difficulty.
- The Keeping in Touch member of staff will discuss issues over the telephone once a fortnight.