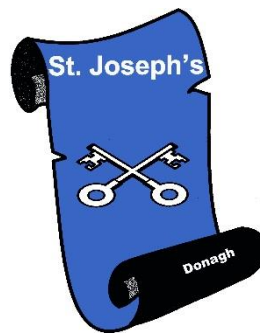


St. Joseph's Primary School Donagh



Positive Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum

Adopted by the Board of Governors on 2/09/20

Signed by Chairperson _____

Signed by Principal _____

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At St. Joseph's 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, our Positive Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and E-Safety 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 and will go straight to their designated classroom.

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit and be escorted to the school gates. The children will be released one at a time to their respective adults collecting them. Adults must socially distance and wait in a line to come to the gate to collect their child.

In the first 2 weeks at least there will be little to no movement around the school. When the children leave their classroom it will be to go to the toilet or to go outside for their designated play and exercise time. Children will follow an adult from their classroom 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 have 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 before entering school, after returning from the outside, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

Children will be taught, reminded and expected 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.

Social Distancing

Children will be expected to socially distance from adults in school and on the playgrounds at all times.

When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to go straight to the sink, wash their hands and then sit at their own desk, and nowhere else in the room. Children will be seated facing the front and from P3 up must stay in their seats. If they need an adult's support, they must raise their hand, but 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.

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

Each class will have their own designated cubicles to use. Children will be supervised and encouraged to use the toilets one at a time, but no more than 1 in any toilet at any time. When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands following the directions on the posters.

Break and Lunch times

Children will be eating in their classrooms, supervised by Teacher, Classroom Assistant and lunch time supervisor and will have their own designated time place to play and exercise for half an hour per day. Children will be expected to remain socially distant from peers and adults during these times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Behaviour Management In School

The behaviour policy will have this Covid-19 related addendum added as well. Children will be taught new routines and rules that will have to be practised during this pandemic phase that we are living in. As highlighted above there will be less freedom, for example, of movement both within the class and around the school.

Pupils will be expected to:

1. Follow any changes to drop off and pick up routines
2. Follow school instructions on hygiene, such as:
 - Coughing and sneezing into elbow
 - Catch it: Bin it: Kill it – disposing of tissues followed by hand washing and sanitising
 - Keep their hands away from their face as much as possible
 - Only use their own equipment such as pencils and stationery items, water bottles, and only eat their own food.
3. Remain in their own class at all times, unless going to use designated toilets
4. Use designated toilets only. Maximum of 1 child at any time in each toilet block.
5. Play safely in the designated zones only.
6. Follow all rules about appropriate behaviour online when and if the children are learning remotely from home (see below).

Each key stage has systems in place for rewarding all pupils who are demonstrating appropriate behaviours and adhering to both the class rules and these Covid-19 procedures.

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 classes 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:

1. Conversation(s) with pupil(s) which could include a verbal warning, moving seats if logistically possible and other behaviour management strategies in line with our current behaviour policy.
2. Once all appropriate behaviour management strategies have been exhausted, contact will be made with pupil's parent/carer.
3. 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.

Pupil's working from home.

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful and obedient to staff, remembering at all times that that staff are not 'friends' with, or peers to, pupils.

Students should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any inappropriate comments to staff online or any other platform will be taken very seriously. This is also the case of for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school during this time.