

COVID-19 school closure arrangements for Behaviour

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EMMANUEL MIDDLE SCHOOL:

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Context

From 20th March 2020 parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response - who absolutely need to attend.

Schools and all childcare providers were asked to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. From 1st June 2020, schools are asked to prepare for the wider reopening of the school, initially to those children in years R, 1, 6 and to prepare for some face to face contact for years 10 and 12.

This addendum of the Emmanuel Middle school behaviour policy should be read in conjunction with the school's risk assessment and health and safety policy and contains details of our individual safeguarding arrangements in the following areas:

Although the trust behaviour and exclusion policies still stand, there are some more specific requirements relating to Covid 19. This is an addendum to the existing policy and remains in place until such times as it is safe to lift it.

We understand that this is an especially challenging time and support will be on offer to all pupils if required. However, all pupils and staff have the right to a safe and calm environment and so all pupils will be required to conform strictly to any measures which the school deem as important in minimising risk associated with Covid 19. These include:

- adhering to any altered routines for arrival and departure
- following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- following instructions to ensure distancing, including at social times
- moving around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)
- expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- an expectation that a child will tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles
- amended expectations about breaks times, including where children may or may not play
- use of toilets

We will prioritise the safety of pupils and staff at all times, any behaviour which is unsafe or puts others at risk will be dealt with seriously. Any dangerous behaviour will result in a fixed term exclusion.

Serious breaches of the schools behaviour policy such as dangerous behaviour which is unsafe or puts others at risk are likely to result in an exclusion