



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Behaviour Policy Amendments February 2021

To ensure government guidance on social distancing is adhered to by our whole school community, it has been necessary to add a number of additional expectations into our behaviour policy in order to maintain the highest standard of behaviour, health and safety of our whole school community during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The guidance set out below must be read by all staff / parents / carers and pupils. By sending your child to St. Bernadette's, you are agreeing to uphold and follow all criteria as set out in the guidance below.

The site:

- Only one parent / carer is permitted to drop off/pick up their children adhering to all school advice and new timings of the school day.
- Arrival and departure times are staggered and therefore it is important you depart the site promptly in order to reduce the volume of parents accessing the site at any given time.
- Parents must not congregate on the school site or the surrounding area. Failure to adhere to social distancing guidance whilst on the school site may result in a parent being asked not to enter the site as this could compromise the safety of other parents, staff and pupils.
- Do not allow younger siblings to run around the site.
- Keep your distance from others – particularly when entering/exiting the site where the paths are narrow.
- There are 2m areas clearly labelled outside classroom doors – please do not enter them when dropping off/picking up to allow safe social distancing for staff.
- Once children are dismissed, parents are wholly responsible for ensuring their child adheres to social distancing guidance as set out by the government and school policy.
- Children must not play on equipment on school grounds.
- Parents and carers are not permitted to enter the school building (including the entrance porch) without an agreed appointment.
- Verbally reinforce the guidelines regularly with your child. Ensure that any adult other than yourself who is dropping off/collecting your child is familiar with the guidelines.
- Seesaw can be used to communicate with class teachers on pupils learning. All other concerns must be communicated via the school office.

School Ready

The school day will be very familiar to the children now. Below are just a set of reminders.

- School uniform must be worn.
- Coats will be kept in the classroom and therefore must be kept clean and free from any old tissues, rubbish or toys in the pocket.
- It will be extremely important for all children to spend time outside each day. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all weather e.g. an outdoor coat with a hood that is suitable for playing out in even when it is raining, all day sun cream applied before the start of the day and a sun hat when needed.
- All children must bring a water bottle to school – no cups will be provided. Water bottles will be refilled from classrooms. Bottles will be cleaned each night and children can take them home on Friday.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Large bags including backpacks, sports bags and handbags will not be permitted in school.
- All equipment will be supplied to children individually to avoid any transmission of the virus between resources therefore, children must not bring any stationary, books or toys from home into school. This also includes cakes, sweets etc.... for birthday celebrations.
- As all pupils, including Year 6, must be dropped off and collected from school, mobile phones must not be brought into school.

There will be occasion where a child may need to bring a bag if they are travelling between parents' homes. In this instance, please inform us via the school office in advance if your child needs to bring an overnight bag into school so we can arrange for the safe storage of the bag throughout the school day.

Movement Inside and Outside of School

This list gives examples of how pupils will move around school. It is not exhaustive and there will be a very small number of exceptions depending on individual need.

- All pupils must, where possible, adhere to the social distancing rules of two metres that are in place inside and outside of the building. Markings around the site for drop off and collection will support this.
- Each pod will explain in full how they would like the children to enter / leave the building for breaks – pupils must adhere to these instructions.
- Pupil movement around school will be limited. They will be given very clear instructions on where they can and cannot move. Staff will be on hand to support this initially.
- Pupils will be shown the boundaries of their pod and are expected to adhere to all social distancing restrictions.
- Pupils will be given their own equipment and stationary which staff will wash at the end of each day. Equipment must not be shared with other pupils.

We fully understand that there will be a period of adjustment for all staff, pupils and parents. As such, we will do everything we can to support the smooth transition for all into this 'new normal.' However, where we believe that despite support and reminders to adhere to all of the guidance set out, we reserve the right to remove access to school for anyone we believe is more than able to but is choosing not to follow the guidance set out by government and school.

