

Annexe to Behaviour Policy September 2020, Covid – 19 Response

Overview The School Behaviour Policy will still apply – The McAuley Way. Elements of the Behaviour Policy are determined by the Legal Framework. For example, powers to search and confiscate will not change and regulations regarding exclusions.

In the present situation caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic. It is necessary to have provision for temporary amendments to the School Behaviour Policy to ensure the smooth running of the school as well as the Health and Safety of all members of the school community. Many of these amendments will reflect the Risk Assessments which the school is obliged to carry out in preparation for the reopening to the whole school. These Risk Assessments can be found on the school's website.

Principles; Students are expected to behave as well and as positively as at any previous time, exhibiting respect and courtesy to all in the school community. Good work and best behaviour will be expected and rewarded as usual. Students should be able to enjoy their day, to flourish in their studies, to enjoy the company of their friends and to benefit from social interaction.

However, the pandemic and the Government guidance places certain limits on the normal operation of the school and the behaviours of everyone in the community

In order to receive all students safely back to school in September 2020, students will be placed in 'bubbles' based on year groups in most cases and the school sites will be 'zoned' to accommodate these bubbles. This principle will allow the school to meet guidelines on safe return for all and must be adhered to at all times to maximise the health and safety of all. Failure to adhere to these principles will be viewed very seriously as it potentially jeopardises the safety of others

Sanctions will still be applied in school in line with the protocols set out in The McAuley Way

Maintaining Social Distancing All instructions concerning Social Distancing / Safety protocols will be followed immediately, without question. Failure to do so may result in Parents being called to collect the student and persistent refusal may lead to restriction of further access to the School during the pandemic. Staff will supervise all relevant areas of the school to support this.

- Students must make every effort to maintain a social distance from each other.
- Students must not approach any member of staff within 2 metres unless requested to do so at all times.
- This is particularly important at transition times and, where necessary, directions will be clearly displayed where possible to aid this, via signage and markings on the floors.
- **Movement around the site** Entrances, corridors and staircases will operate on a strict one – way system, without exception. Students will be given written guidance to support this and staff will supervise corridors immediately adjacent to their classroom doors. Duty staff will supervise key positions around the sites.
- It is very important that students move swiftly, following any social distancing or safety guidelines, to their lesson room at the start of the day and after any breaks. Failure to do so will be treated very seriously and may result in students being sent home because of the potential risk to the Health and safety of the School community. Staff will supervise at these times.
- No assemblies or other mass gatherings will take place

- All students will be issued with a colour – coded lanyard and swipe card to assist with safe use of payments for lunch and to identify year group. This lanyard **MUST** be worn at all times during the school day. Failure to do so will attract sanctions. **The loss/forgetting of lanyards must be reported to reception on the site you are based immediately.**
- Face coverings may be worn around the school but must be worn correctly. Inappropriate images/slogans on coverings is not acceptable and students will be asked to remove them.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered and taken in Year bubbles. Students must remain in their bubbles and **NOT** mix with students from outside that bubble nor cross sites without a note from a member of staff.
- The School will communicate expectations of behaviour on buses to and from School. Any unacceptable behaviour will be likely to lead to sanctions and a bus ban.
- It is a requirement that face coverings are worn on public transport.

Equipment Students are expected to be fully equipped for every lesson with a bag. Students will not share any items of equipment and if students require specialist equipment they will be given it, with every consideration given to ensuring hygiene. Fully stocked

UNIFORM From November 2nd normal school uniform will be worn, with certain published modifications in the first half term. Ties are not expected to be worn from November 2nd. Please see the mini-guide.

Maintaining Hygiene Handwashing and use of sanitisers will be carried out as directed, at the start and end of each lesson/session and other times as required. Staff will ensure this happens.

Symptoms of COVID-19 Any student displaying symptoms which could potentially indicate Covid – 19 infection will be isolated in a secure room until parents can be informed and the student collected without exception. Whilst waiting to be collected, the student will be supervised by staff using personal Protective Equipment. The School will instruct parents that the student must self-isolate for 14 days in line with Public Health England guidance. Parents must not send their child to school if they have ANY symptoms of COVID-19.

Removals from class Students who fail to cooperate in any way class will **not** be asked to stand outside the classroom door but, after application of Warning, Yellow Card and Red Card, will be removed from lesson via Class Support call. Depending upon the nature of the matter, this may result in the student being sent home that day or and possibly until further notice.

Other occasions when students may be out of class. Where students normally use 'time out' passes, specific arrangements will be agreed with the member of staff responsible for issuing the pass. Except for using the bathroom/restroom facilities, no student will be allowed out of lesson without good reason (which may include medical conditions made known to the school, attending peripatetic music lesson) and must have a note from member of staff. Any pupils missing lessons without good reason will result in parents being called to collect the student with immediate effect.

Bathroom/restroom facilities are a particularly important area of School in the context of the pandemic. Students must wash their hands thoroughly, with soap, and use the hand sanitisers provided after using the these facilities. Staff, on a rota basis, will permanently supervise each toilet and treat as many shops / businesses are doing e.g. by limiting the

numbers of students using the facilities at any one time. The supervising member of staff will ensure students correctly apply sanitiser on exit. Any student found damaging the facilities or acting in such a way as to compromise the supply of soap or sanitiser will be subject to serious sanctions including and up to permanent exclusion.

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Threatening being infected by the Coronavirus. Any behaviour deemed to be deliberately Intended to compromise the health and safety of others, or to threaten to do so, even in jest, will result in immediate removal from the School and may result in further immediate and serious sanctions up to, and including, permanent exclusion. Spitting, sneezing or coughing with the threat to spread coronavirus could result in a student being prosecuted.

All staff will be given special protection regarding this.

Any form of fighting or violence is always totally unacceptable but, in the context of the pandemic requirements, it is a matter of grave importance. Staff will not be in a position to physically intervene for Health and Safety reasons. The severest sanctions will be in place for any student involved in acts of violence.

Failure to follow instructions from members of staff relating to any aspect of this annex will be seen as a serious breach of the school's behaviour policy.

Approved by the Governing Body, 15th July 2020