

Archbishop Temple School Pupil Discipline and Exclusion Policy Addendum 5th January 2021

In response to the current COVID-19 situation, this is a temporary addendum to the Archbishop Temple School Pupil Discipline and Exclusion Policy.

This addendum takes immediate effect and will remain in place until further notice.

We appreciate that this is, once again, a very anxious time for staff, students and their parents and we will ensure that we provide a climate that is conducive to supporting all of our stakeholders.

We pride ourselves at Archbishop Temple School on our positive relationships between staff and students. COVID-19 has meant that we have had to operate in different ways and following government guidance, to ensure that we keep our staff and students safe at all times.

We appreciate that the vast majority of our students will conduct themselves sensibly, listening carefully to staff instructions and adhering to guidance on social distancing when in the building, leaving and entering the building and in the local community.

This addendum reflects the fact that the normal Pupil Discipline and Exclusion Policy may not be able to be applied as normal due to COVID-19. Furthermore, certain behaviours may also be deemed to be more serious due to the safety implications of those behaviours, taking into account COVID-19. The safety of our students, staff and parents is our primary concern.

The normal Pupil Discipline and Behaviour Policy will apply where possible. In addition, we ask that students adhere to the following protocols for their and everyone else's safety.

Students should:

- Follow staff instructions at all times, including remaining in the area of the school designated to them (currently room 38/Senior Yard and the Library/Junior Yard)
- Follow social distancing rules as set by the schools, adhering to relevant signage and floor markers where appropriate
- Co-operate with staff in fulfilling basic hygiene measures when instructed, to include washing hands, using the designated toilet facilities assigned to them and avoiding behaviours that could help the spread of the virus. Regular hand washing for 20 seconds remains an integral part of managing the virus. Students are expected to adhere to this.
- Move around the building as instructed sensibly and calmly and entering and leaving the school building appropriately

- When dismissed, not loiter in public places in the community as per government guidance.

To protect everyone at all times, students will be required to adhere to the above principles and the school reserves the right to take the appropriate action should they feel, in the rare occurrences, that the health and safety of students and staff is being compromised by negative behaviours. In this case, the school will send home pupils who fail to adhere to the rules. The school will contact parents before doing this.