

## **Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum**

At Melbourne Infant School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. We will continue to follow and use our behaviour policy in school. It is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below:

### **Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.**

Children will enter school through their designated entrance. Children will enter individually and will go straight to their designated classroom, keeping a 2m distance from any other individual. There will be markers on the floors to support children with social distancing.

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent has come to collect them, again keeping their distance using the markers on the floors as a guide.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their bubble classroom to go outside they will stay 2m from peers and adults. Children will follow an adult on their designated routes around school.

### **Handwashing and Hygiene**

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands/use antibacterial sanitiser before entering school, before and after eating, at regular intervals during the day, and when leaving school at the end of the day.

We ask children 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.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, parents will be contacted to collect their child.

### **Social Distancing**

Children who are old enough will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field at all times. When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to sanitise and wash their hands, then go straight to their table. Key Stage One classrooms will have their own table spaced 2m apart. In EYFS 2.3m squared has been measured between each seating space.

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 bubble (group) of children will have their own toilets to use. The toilets will be unisex during this time. These will be sign posted. Children will use the toilets one at a time. When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands and sanitise on entry to the classroom.

## **Outdoor and Lunch times**

Children will have a designated place to play during the school day. They will have their own equipment that will be cleaned after use.

Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Lunch will be eaten in their classrooms or outside. Children will eat at their table or in their own space. Children will have a picnic lunch which will be brought to them in their classroom.

## **Rewards**

The Dojo point system will continue to be in use during Covid-19. However we will not be giving out physical rewards e.g. wristbands and stickers. Teachers and Teaching Assistants welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. Above all praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible. Walking through school to show their work to the Head Teacher or other adult for acknowledgement and praise during this time will not be permitted. There will be a focus on rewarding positive COVID related behaviours through our STAR Standard; 'looking after our school and each other'.

## **Positive Handling & Restraint**

In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the child's parents or carers will be called and asked to pick up their child immediately. The situation will then be reviewed by the Headteacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff.

Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE where appropriate will be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.