



Amendments to the St Martins Behaviour Policy Due to COVID 19

From 1st June 2020

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the following amendments to the St Martins School behaviour policy are required.

The amended rules and behaviour expectations will be explained and taught to all students in the most appropriate way to ensure the highest level of understanding and therefore compliance.

It is the responsibility of all staff, students and families to follow the guidelines set out in this document.

1. Handwashing.

All Students will be expected to follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising.

Designated areas will be available for 'bubbles' of staff and students to use.

All students and staff to wash their hands as soon as they enter the school building.

Handwashing will be repeated at scheduled times of the day including after using the toilet.

2. Social distancing.

Social distancing principles will be adhered to by all of the school community at all times. (The exceptions will be to deliver personal care or if first aid is required. In these cases the relevant procedures will be followed.) Every effort will be made to help students to understand and comply with the social distancing rules. If these cannot be followed the safety of others may be jeopardised. If the safety of others is compromised the appropriateness of the school environment for an individual will be evaluated. This may result in a withdrawal of the school place at this time.

3. Socialising.

Students will not socialise with peers or members of staff outside their 'bubble' before the school day, during their time in school or after the school day has finished. Staff will ensure this is possible by staggering the start and finish times of the day and timetabling and zoning the outside area.

Students will stay with the staff and students within their 'bubble' throughout the whole school day. 'Bubbles' will not join together or cross over at any point. These 'bubbles' will remain constant from week to week.

Any concerns relating to any member of the school community not following social distancing rules, as set out by the government, outside of school, should be reported to Debbie or Laura.

4. Coughing and sneezing.

Where possible coughing and sneezing should be done into a tissue which will then be disposed of in the bin.

Actions such as coughing, spitting or blowing into the faces of another person will not be permitted and will result in a discussion about the appropriateness of the school place for the perpetrator.

5. Individual positive behaviour support plans.

Due to the current organisation of school and the measures necessary to keep everyone in school safe, it may not be possible to follow all strategies outlined in individual positive behaviour support plans. Where changes required are significant and/or likely to cause distress, individual positive behaviour support plans will need to be reviewed and, alternative strategies suggested. Students need to be made aware of changes to their positive behaviour support plan at this time.

6. Rewards and sanctions.

The school system relating to green and yellow tokens will not be operating at this time. Tokens will not be given to students.

Rewards and sanctions outlined on individual positive behaviour support plans may not be possible at this time. Rewards and sanctions will need to be reviewed and possible alternatives made available to students who require these. Rewards and sanctions will be adapted on an individual basis as required.

7. School rules and expectations of behaviour.

High expectations relating to behaviour, conduct and respect for each other will remain paramount. School rules and behaviour expectations will remain in place and will be followed at all times.

In this current climate school places are provided for those who are ready and able to engage with the current school offer and within the current school environment.