



St Edward's
School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

Behaviour Policy Addendum

Approved by the Governing Body for implementation alongside the full behaviour policy from September 2020.

Addendum Version Two: September 11th 2020

SLT are responsible for oversight of this policy's implementation

This addendum to the Behaviour Policy of St Edwards School is for use during the arrangements for the education of students in school during the Covid-19 outbreak. This addendum will be updated in line with Local Authority and National guidance regarding the COVID-19 outbreak within the United Kingdom. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Promoting Positive Behaviour policy and Uniform policy.

This addendum has been created to clarify and explain the school's response to educating students on site during the current Covid-19 outbreak. As outlined in our full behaviour policy we believe that all children are capable of good behaviour, and we expect the support of parents and carers in ensuring that all children and young people conform to our behaviour expectations, and grow as considerate, respectful, hardworking individuals. The safety of all students and staff is of paramount importance, and the temporary amendments to this policy are designed to secure standards, and reduce risk as far as possible. The school is limited in its capacity to manage situations that occur whilst a child is under the care of his or her parents, such as issues online, or events that take place outside of school hours/campus. We will always try and support such interventions as are necessary in these situations, but we recognise that the parent is the primary educator of the child in their care.

Promoting Positive Behaviour:

During this period the school's behaviour policy will be focussed towards students being ready, respectful and safe. For this reason there will be a robust response to any examples of the following behaviours:

- Defiance
- Disruption of learning
- Silly or dangerous behaviour during unsupervised times
- Acting in a way that endangers others (this would include Covid specific actions). Any student caught deliberately acting maliciously in relation to social distancing measures put in place by the school (coughing, spitting, breaking restrictions on teaching bubbles) will be sent home immediately from school and a parental meeting arranged. Exclusion (up to, and including permanent exclusion) may be used for students whose actions deliberately risk the health and safety of others in the school.

The school will continue to implement the usual range of sanctions to ensure a positive response to these expectations, with the following amendments:

- After school detentions will take place in year group bubbles on specified days of the week. This will temporarily replace the C system of behaviour management. There will be no mixed year group detentions.
- Students who are asked to work in Inclusion will form their own bubble whilst they are there. It will run from 8:30 – 3:00 each day and the students will follow a timetable that will focus on the core curriculum. It will be for a minimum period of three days and anything other than full and sustained compliance will be dealt with severely, for the good of the wider school community.

Section seven of the school's "Behaviour Policy" regarding exclusion is still in place, and that students can still be subject to exclusion (for examples of the sorts of behaviours that may lead to this sanction please refer to the aforementioned section of the full Behaviour Policy). During the COVID-19 pandemic, until it is safe to meet in person, the norm for meetings with parents and carers will be via Microsoft Teams or Zoom. Alternative arrangements can be made for a parent or carer without the technological means to meet in this way.

Uniform, Mobile Phones and Chewing Gum

Uniform must be worn in full as stated in the Uniform Policy. Any additional cleaning of uniform is no longer required. Any additional piercings are to be removed as normal, and any tongue or similar piercings are, as usual, wholly unacceptable. Any hair styles are also to be as per the uniform policy 2020-21.

If there are practical or financial reasons why adhering to the uniform policy is difficult we would request that parents and carers contact the school to discuss what support might be possible.

There is no change to the school's policy on mobile phones and therefore mobile phones and music devices must not be seen or used on the school site including the driveway.

Chewing gum is forbidden on the school site. There will be community service for those who are caught with it. This will involve gum removal work.