



*Saint***GREGORY'S**
Bath

Behaviour Management during COVID-19 Pandemic
or any other extraordinary situation that results in full or partial school closure.

Key Information

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Statement of intent

Saint Gregory's aims to act in accordance with the Behavioural for Excellence Policy as much as possible, however, we understand the necessity for additional rules and considerations while Saint Gregory's observes social distancing and infection control guidelines. This appendix sets out what additional actions Saint Gregory's will take when phased reopening begins.

The information in this appendix is under constant review and kept updated to reflect any changes to national or local guidance.

1. Enforcing new rules

- 1.1 Saint Gregory's ensures that infection control and social distancing rules are communicated effectively to all students.
- 1.2 Staff are informed about the measures in place so they can enforce these rules at all times.
- 1.3 Saint Gregory's informs parents of any changes to provision outlined in this policy.
- 1.4 Saint Gregory's expects students to uphold these rules at all times, including on school transport, where practicable.
- 1.5 Staff are informed of discipline and rewards in place to aid enforcement of these rules in line with this policy.
- 1.6 Where required, staff explicitly teach and supervise health and hygiene arrangements, e.g. handwashing, tissue disposal and toilet flushing.
- 1.7 Saint Gregory's recognises that students may be supervised or taught by members of staff they have had no prior contact with, however, students are expected to treat all members of staff with respect and work together to maintain a safe environment.
- 1.8 Saint Gregory's expects students in extra-curricular activities, e.g. after school and lunchtime clubs, to adhere to the Saint Gregory's social distancing and infection control rules.

2. Arrival and departure

- 2.1 Saint Gregory's expects students to follow all arrival and departure arrangements to the best of their ability and to arrive at the correct time.
- 2.2 Students are expected to participate in any infection control and social distancing measures, e.g. hand washing, before entering and exiting Saint Gregory's.
- 2.3 Upon departure from Saint Gregory's the school expects students to move immediately from the school buildings and not to linger on the premises without good cause, e.g. they are waiting to be picked up.

3. Hygiene and infection control

- 3.1 Saint Gregory's ensures a risk assessment is conducted prior to reopening to more students in order to enforce adequate and practical measures to safeguard the health and safety of both staff and students.
- 3.4 Students are expected to use alcohol-based hand sanitiser:
 - Upon arrival at and departure from Saint Gregory's.

- Before and after consuming food.
 - After using the toilet.
 - After coughing or sneezing.
- 3.5 Students are expected to maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene at all times while in school, to the best of their ability.
- 3.6 Students are expected to dispose of tissues using the litter bins provided.
- 3.7 Students are expected to use infection control provisions responsibly, e.g. using hand sanitiser as directed.
- 3.8 Students are discouraged from sharing equipment which poses a higher risk of infection, e.g. scissors.
- 3.9 Saint Gregory's prohibits students from spitting, biting, purposefully coughing in another person's vicinity, or other behaviours that increase the risk of spreading infection, e.g. purposefully disposing of soiled tissues in an unsafe manner.
- 3.10 Students whose behaviour is purposefully contrary to the infection control measures in place will be disciplined in line with this policy.
- 3.11 Students who are deemed unable to fully adhere to infection control rules, e.g. some students with SEND, are not disciplined for poor behaviour in this regard – positive behaviour is reinforced using praise and rewards.
- 3.12 Members of staff encourage students who are deemed unable to fully adhere to infection control rules to practice good infection control behaviours to the best of their ability, through teaching, praise and supervision.

4. Social distancing

General

- 4.1 Students adhere to the social distancing measures put in place by Saint Gregory's.
- 4.2. Students form orderly queues, e.g. when waiting to use the toilets, using the two metre floor markings where necessary, and they are respectful and patient towards their peers.
- 4.3. Students are expected to:
- Refrain from close contact with people who display symptoms of coronavirus.
 - Remain at least two metres apart from other people, where practicable.
 - Remain within their assigned groups.
- 4.4. Where it is not practicable for students to remain two metres apart from others, they are expected to maintain as much distance between themselves and others as possible and to ensure their time in close proximity to others is limited.
- 4.5. Students are placed into classes of no more than 15 students and they are not permitted to mix with other students outside this class, unless instructed to do so by their class teacher.

- 4.6. Students whose behaviour is purposefully contrary to the school's social distancing measures are disciplined in line with this policy.
- 4.7. Students who are deemed unable to fully adhere to social distancing measures, e.g. some students with SEND, are not disciplined for poor behaviour in this regard – positive behaviour is reinforced using praise and rewards.
- 4.8. Members of staff encourage students who are deemed unable to fully adhere to social distancing measures to keep away from others, to the best of their ability, through teaching, praise and supervision.

In the Hall, Piazza and Bond Pavilion

- 4.9. Saint Gregory's expects students to respect the health and safety of catering and canteen staff and to follow all infection control and social distancing rules put in place while collecting and eating food.
- 4.10. Students are allocated specific time to use the canteen to help adhere to social distancing rules. Students do not enter the canteen or dining area unless expressly told to do so by a member of staff.

During sports and exercise activities

- 4.11. The school expects students to follow all social distancing and infection control measures during sports and exercise activities, both indoors and outdoors.
- 4.12. Students are expected to remain at least two metres apart, or as far as is practicable, from others when using changing rooms or other dressing and washing facilities.
- 4.13. Saint Gregory's does not permit close-contact sports or activities at this time.
- 4.14. Students who purposefully take part in close-contact sports, play and activities, or whose behaviour purposefully poses a greater risk of infection, are disciplined in line with this policy.

During collective worship

- 4.16. Students are expected to follow all social distancing and infection control rules during assemblies and collective worship.
- 4.17. Students must form an orderly queue when using the Chapel and are permitted to enter one at a time.

5 Moving around the school site

- 5.1. Saint Gregory's expects all students to move around the school following the arrangements, e.g. using one-way systems.
- 5.2. The school prohibits students from lingering in walkways, including stairs and other communal areas, without good cause.
- 5.3. Students are expected to move directly from one destination to the next at the times allotted to them and in their assigned groups, e.g. moving from one class to another or using the hall.

5.4 Students may leave the classroom to use the toilets or other sanitary facilities one at a time, with permission from a member of staff.

5.5 Students who purposefully and continuously linger in walkways and communal areas without good cause are disciplined in line with this policy.

6 Ill health and infection

6.1 Saint Gregory's expects students to report to a member of staff as soon as possible if they are feeling unwell and showing symptoms of coronavirus, or believe a peer is showing symptoms of coronavirus.

6.2 Any bullying or harassment towards students who have had, currently have, or are suspected to have coronavirus is not tolerated – this behaviour is addressed in line with this policy and the Anti-Bullying Policy and Behaviour for Excellence Policy.

6.3 The school allocates suitable areas that can be used to isolate students who shows symptoms of coronavirus whilst they wait for their parent or primary carer to collect them.

6.4 Students who have been advised to self-isolate at Saint Gregory's while waiting to go home are expected to follow all infection control and social distancing rules in place and must not leave the area used to isolate them until their parents or primary carer picks them up.

7 The Saint Gregory's premises

7.1 Students are prohibited from entering areas of the Saint Gregory's that have been closed for cleaning, social distancing or infection control purposes.

7.2 Students who purposefully access prohibited areas of Saint Gregory's without permission are disciplined in line with this policy.

8 Breaktime and lunchtime arrangements

8.1 Saint Gregory's expects students to adhere to social distancing and infection control measures to the best of their ability during lunchtimes and breaktimes.

8.2 Students are expected take their breaks and lunchtimes at phased times, within their permitted class groups and only in designated areas.

8.3 Students are not permitted to gather in groups larger than 15 at a time and must not mix between groups, unless authorised by the member of staff responsible for a given group.

9 Saint Gregory's uniform

9.1 Saint Gregory's expects all students to wear uniform while in Saint Gregory's, in line with the Uniform Policy.

9.2 Parents should ensure that their children attend Saint Gregory's in clean uniform each day – parents are advised to avoid sending their child to Saint Gregory's in clothing that cannot be machine washed in line with government guidance.

9.3 Reasonable adjustments are made where students cannot, for good reason, wear the correct Saint Gregory's uniform, e.g. the student has outgrown an item of uniform and their parent/carer is currently unable to replace it.

9.4 Where students cannot wear the correct uniform, suitable garments must be worn that fulfil the following requirements:

- They are plain in colour
- They are practical for school
- They do not display words, logos or graphics that are considered offensive

10 Managing the behaviour of remote learners

10.1 Students who are learning remotely off-site are expected to adhere to this policy and the Remote Learning Policy, where applicable.

10.2 The school expects students who are learning remotely to uphold good behaviour at all times and to:

- Attend remote classes or group sessions on time.
- Complete the work that has been set and return it on time, to the best of their ability.
- Keep all communication polite and appropriate and in line with Saint Gregory's remote learning arrangements.
- Not misuse or mistreat the resources or technology utilised for the delivery of remote learning.
- Report any issues, including harassment or bullying from their peers, to their teacher.

10.3 Saint Gregory's recognises that some sanctions are unable to be given to students learning remotely and that adjustments to the actions outlined in section 13 of this policy may be in place.

10.4 Where discipline must be deferred until the student returns to Saint Gregory's, the Headteacher informs the student's parent/carer via letter and the student will be disciplined when it is safe to do so.

11 Exclusions

11.1 All poor behaviour is addressed in line with this policy and discipline remains rational, reasonable, fair and proportionate.

11.2 Persistent poor behaviour, including the persistent, purposeful refusal to follow Saint Gregory's social distancing and infection control rules, may result in the student being excluded from Saint Gregory's in the interests of the health and safety of the student and others.

11.3 The Headteacher retains the power to exclude students on disciplinary grounds – all exclusions and their arrangements are carried out in line with the Exclusions Policy, where practicable.

11.4 Where an excluded student is considered vulnerable or is the child of a key worker who cannot be safely cared for at home, the Headteacher liaises with the LA and the student's parents/carers as soon as possible to discuss what reasonable adjustments can be put in place, taking into consideration the student's safety and the safety of others.

- 11.5 The Headteacher liaises with the LA and the parents/carers of a permanently excluded student to arrange alternative provision to minimise any breaks in education.
- 11.6 The timeframes set out in the Exclusions Policy remain in force, where practicable. This applies to all exclusions, including those that were issued before 23 March 2020.
- 11.7 Where a deadline cannot be met, meetings and panel hearings may take place even if the relevant deadline has been missed – where necessary, the Governing Body decides whether any meetings should be delayed.
- 11.8 The Governing Body takes reasonable steps to ensure that meetings are arranged for a time when all parties are able to attend or attend virtually.

12 Rewards and discipline

- 12.1 Rewards and discipline are given in line with this policy, where practicable – discipline that cannot be given with immediate effect to remote learners is carried out in line with section 10 of this appendix.
- 12.2 Staff ensure that any rewards given adhere to the Saint Gregory's infection control and social distancing measures.
- 12.3 Saint Gregory's understands that students may have had different experiences during the coronavirus pandemic and that this may affect how students re-adapt to a school environment and its routines.
- 12.4 Where Saint Gregory's recognises that a student's challenging behaviour may be linked to their experiences during the coronavirus pandemic, e.g. bereavement, it acts in line with relevant policies and ensures adequate wellbeing support is offered.

13 Close contact behavioural management

- 13.1 Behaviour management which requires the use of reasonable force or restraint as a last resort is carried out in line with the Positive Handling Policy.
- 13.2 The school recognises that social distancing and infection control measures cannot be adhered to using reasonable force or exercising restraint on a student to control their behaviour to prevent them posing a significant risk to themselves or others.
- 13.3 Once a student no longer needs to be restrained for the safety of others or themselves, staff continue to adhere to the social distancing and infection control measures put in place.
- 13.4 If a member of staff develops coronavirus symptoms after using restraint or reasonable force, they are sent home immediately and advised to test for coronavirus.

14 Monitoring and review

- 14.1 This appendix is reviewed in reaction to any new government advice by the Headteacher.