

# **Gillamoor Primary School**

## **Addendum to Behaviour Policy**

### **COVID -19 Addendum – May 2020**

#### **Aims / ethos**

The aim of Gillamoor School is for every member of the school community to feel valued and respected, and for all persons to be treated fairly. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect.

This addendum has been written to ensure, where possible, we can create an environment where children and adults feel happy, safe and valued despite the current circumstances.

As a result of Covid – 19 we have had to make changes to the way that we expect pupils to behave in school. We hope that these are temporary measures, but they are necessary to ensure the safety of everyone in school.

Children should be aware of and follow:-

- Arrangements for arrival and departure; times including staggered times (when instigated), social distancing and access to school by adults.
- School instructions for moving around school; These include keeping a social distance wherever possible and only mixing with their 'bubble'. They should try to stay at least 2 metres away from other pupils in school and each class should adhere to their own school entrance and exit points once numbers in school increase. Children should follow the one-way system, only touch what is necessary, remain patient when queuing and avoid using cloakrooms as everything should be brought into class. It is important that children remain seated in their allocated desk for all lessons and tell an adult if they are feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.
- School instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising; We follow the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" message. Children should try not to touch their faces, eyes and nose wherever possible. If children need to cough or sneeze, they should do so into a tissue or sleeve and not into their hands or towards anyone else. Used tissues should be put into the bin and hands washed immediately. Toilets are only to be used by one pupil at a time and pupils must ask permission from an adult. Children are to be allocated handwashing times to ensure that hands are thoroughly washed before and after each break.

- Rules about sharing any equipment; Pupils should have their own water bottle in class and the water fountain will remain out of bounds. All resources will be provided and pupils do not need to bring their own pencil case or tin from home for classroom use. Personal items should not be brought in from home and taking things home from school will be kept to an absolute minimum.
- Break time arrangements; once numbers determine the need, timing of breaktimes will be staggered and designated days will be allocated for play equipment (see timetable). Children should only use the colour of play and PE equipment that has been allocated to them.
- School's high expectations of behaviour; Rewards, sanctions and family support will remain in place to ensure the safety of everyone in school.

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Signed; Andrea Hayes