



SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY

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Introduction

At All Saints Academy our vision is “Living Well Together with **Dignity, Faith and Hope**”. We aspire to take dignified decisions and afford dignity to all members of our community, regardless of background or circumstance. Our position as a Voluntary Aided Church Academy means that the Christian faith has a central role in all of our actions and decisions. We strive for excellence in all that we do, enabling our students to transform their lives and to hope for happy and successful futures.

Our vision translates into our everyday practice. We will ensure our vision is embedded through having faith in a robust and rigorous procedure that ensures all stakeholders are safe in the event of an accident, sustaining an injury or feeling unwell.

Purpose

The purpose of our social distancing policy is to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, students and visitors during the coronavirus pandemic
- Outline ways in which social distancing is being maintained throughout the Academy

Introduction

The Government has provided guidance to support schools in maintaining social distancing to minimise the risk to students, staff and visitors. Guidance differs depending on whether schools are fully open or partially open.

Minimising Risk Upon Arrival to the Academy

Year groups have been allocated their own entrance door to the building.

Year groups have been allocated their own bike sheds.

All students will have their temperature taken upon arrival and those with a temperature above 38 degrees will be sent to the Bungalow to await a follow up assessment. The Bungalow will be cleaned after each use during the day.

Students arriving late to the Academy must report to Reception, who will escort them to their year group entrance; there will be no entry into the building through the hub.

Minimising Risk in Class

Students will be grouped into year group bubbles and each year group bubble will be taught in a specific group of classrooms. The only exception to this is if a specialist room is required for the lesson to be taught, eg art, food, science lab. Specialist rooms will be cleaned between each lesson. This will also be the case for PE changing rooms.

Classrooms will be set out with all tables facing the front the room and seating plans put in place.

All students will be issued with a named pencil case to avoid the sharing of resources.

Teaching staff will deliver lessons from the front of the classroom and not move between the students unless necessary to support the learning of the student. Should a teacher need to move into the body of the classroom, a mask must be worn.

Support staff working with students must wear a mask at all times when they cannot maintain a 2m distance.

All staff should ensure they follow the guidance on hand washing, using hand sanitiser and cleaning surfaces to reduce the spread of the virus. All classrooms have a supply of antibacterial cleaner and blue roll tissue.

Minimising Risk During Break and Lunch

Year groups have been allocated separate outside spaces for break and lunchtime, as well as a separate indoor space in case of wet weather. Separate exits to these areas have also been set up for each year group.

Where students wish to purchase food from the canteen, year groups will queue separately and enter the canteen one year group at a time on rotation. Year groups have designated seating areas within the canteen to preserve, as far as possible, the year group bubbles used for lessons.

Minimising Risk When Leaving the Academy

Students will use the same door to leave the Academy as they do when they arrive, leaving the school site straight away.

Students are encouraged to walk home with peers from their own year group.

Other Procedures Put in Place to Minimise Risk

The boundaries of each year group bubble are clearly marked with barriers and ropes.

Each year group has been allocated separate toilets.

Assemblies will take place separately for each year group, with each year group having an allocated location. At times when the national data indicates a higher rate of infection, assemblies and other large group activities may be rearranged to take place in smaller groups, eg tutor groups.

Students are not allowed to leave their bubbles, unless escorted by a member of staff.

Visitors to the Academy will be kept to a minimum and only those with an appointment allowed on site.

During Partial Closure

During times of partial closure when the Academy is only open to vulnerable students of children of critical workers, these students will be based in as few rooms as possible and form new bubbles for the duration of the partial closure.

Social distancing will be maintained, as well as other procedures that would take place during full opening:

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“Love your neighbour as you love yourself.”

- Students will have a named pencil case
- Students will be required to wear masks when they cannot maintain 2m distance
- Staff will be required to wear masks when they cannot maintain 2m distance or are supporting students with their learning
- Cleaning of all areas used