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"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."



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

Following the latest government guidance, the Academy has put the following steps in place.

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

Year groups have been allocated their own bike sheds.

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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. 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. During times when infection rates are high, year groups have designated seating areas within the canteen.

Assemblies will take place in year groups or consistent year group combinations, with each assembly 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.

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, if this is the guidance from the government at the given time

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

- 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