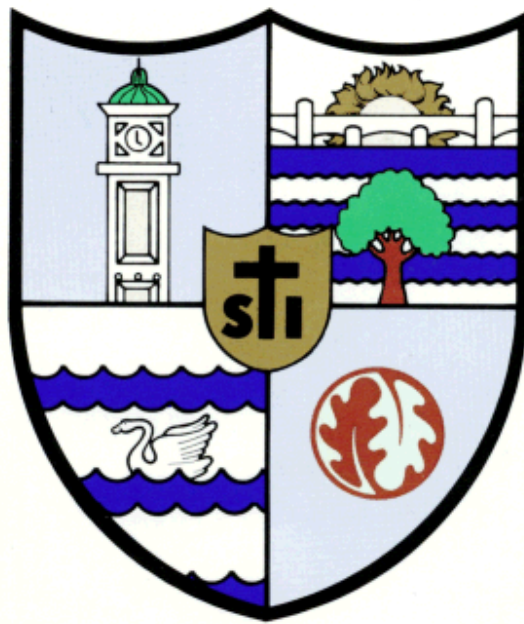


# ST. IGNATIUS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## HOME - SCHOOL AGREEMENT: COVID-19 ADDENDUM

*Updated January 2021*



### **School Aims:**

- Achieve excellence for all
- Be 'for others'
- Find God in all things
- Build the kingdom
- Laugh and grow strong

*All for the greater glory of God*

## **Covid-19 Addendum**

Further to the Home School Agreement you have previously agreed to, it is necessary for all parents who are sending their children into school in the current pandemic to understand and agree to a range of measures intended to keep children, staff and their families safe. As a school we have undertaken extensive planning and carried out risk assessments to make the school environment as safe as possible. We have worked in association with other schools and considered all government guidance.

### **The school's responsibilities:**

1. Schools are permitted to open to vulnerable children and the children of workers deemed critical to the ongoing management of Covid-19
2. The school will provide a place, during periods directed by the Government, for children who fit this criterion where our staffing and premises level allow.
3. The health and safety of your child/ren is everyone's first priority and the school will act with consideration of current Government guidance on hygiene (including cleaning) and social distancing.
4. The schools will provide food/vouchers for children eligible for Free School Meals.
5. The school will do all it can to accommodate eligible children and accepts that at times pupils will display challenging behaviour. In the event that schools feel this behaviour is too challenging, having made reasonable adjustments, they will seek advice from the Local Authority. Only as a final resort will the school inform the parent/carer that maintaining a place for the pupil during the emergency period has become untenable and that the parent/carer must make alternative arrangements for their supervision.
6. Where a pupil has an EHCP, the school will work with other partners to fulfil as many of the requirements of the EHCP as possible. The school will continue to follow its existing policies on safeguarding arrangements and any concerns will be responded to in the usual way.

### **The parent/carer's responsibilities:**

1. Parents/carers understand that all normal and usual education activity may not be possible in school during the Covid-19 crisis and will be supportive of the school, which may be operating with limited resources and staff. They will respect the decisions of school in respect of the provision provided during this emergency period.

2. Parents recognise that, while the school will take all measures it reasonable can, socially distancing in schools **cannot** be observed at all time (as recognised in government guidance).
3. Parents recognise that the school cannot guarantee children will not be exposed to the virus in school.
4. Parents/carers must abide with all hygiene regulations put in place by the school.
5. Parents agree that children will need to abide by additional rules, in order to follow government guidance and particularly to limit mixing within their 'bubble' and with other groups if they wish to attend school.
6. Parents agree to bring their child to school in line with staggered start and finish times and understand this may change with changing circumstances.
7. In order to maintain social distancing and class 'bubbles', parents will drop off and pick up at the gates indicated, wear a mask and keep distance from others where possible in line with government guidance. Only one parent should bring their child/ren to school.
8. Parents agree to keep their child away from people outside the family home in line with government guidance so as to limit risk of infection.
9. Parents will keep their child off school should they show signs of Covid-19 (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell) for 10 days and for 14 days if someone in the household shows symptoms. The school strongly advise a test for Covid-19 if a child shows symptoms.
10. Parents will collect their child as soon as possible if they show symptoms of Covid-19. They understand the school's decision is final and non-negotiable.
11. Parents understand that the school may need to keep a whole class off school if a child, family member or member of staff within the 'bubble' tests positive for Covid-19.
12. Parents recognise that their child's group may not be taught by their usual class teacher and may need to be supervised by a teaching assistant.

13. If parents/carers have concerns about their child/ren's mental health they must make the school aware so that appropriate measures can be put in place.

### **The child's responsibilities:**

1. I will listen carefully to all adults and follow their instructions
2. I will follow the school rules *Ready, Respectful, Safe* at all times
3. I will tell an adult as soon as I feel unwell
4. I will follow all the social distancing rules in the classroom, hall, playground, toilets and corridors – this means I will try to stay a distance (2m) away from people not in my bubble
5. I will only enter and leave the building by the gate/door I have been given
6. I will arrive at school at the time I have been told – I know I can't wait outside the school building for a friend to walk into school with me
7. I will follow all the one way/markers/new routes around school that have been set up
8. I will follow good respiratory hygiene. This means making sure I cough and sneeze into my elbow or a tissue (I will then put the tissue straight into the bin) and wash my hands well afterwards
9. I will follow good hand hygiene. This means I wash my hands with soap for 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer) any time an adult asks me to. I will also wash my hands when I arrive into school/my classroom, and before and after break and lunch, making sure I wait if someone is already at the sink so there is only one person there at a time
10. I understand I will be given my own seat in the classroom and I must only use this seat – I will not ask an adult if I can swop seats
11. I know I must not go over the 2 metre line at the front of the classroom where an adult has their desk

12. I understand I might not have my own class teacher teaching me and I understand some of my closest friends might not be in my classroom with me, and I won't be able to play with them
13. I will only use the equipment provided to me by the school; I won't share with my friends and I won't take the equipment I have been given home
14. I won't bring things in from home, such as stationery or items for 'show and tell'. I will use the equipment the school provides
15. I know I won't be able to have all the resources to use that I am used to, but the adult teaching my bubble will make sure that this doesn't mean I am unable to complete my learning
16. I will only mix in school with the children in my 'bubble', including during break and lunchtimes
17. I know I can't mix with other children before or after school, including going anywhere (such as the park) with my school friends from a different bubble or who aren't coming into school

*Even though school might be different in some ways to what I'm used to, I understand all adults in school are still always there to look after me and listen to me. They will always still help me if I have got a problem or issue and I want to talk to them.*

*Adults will still make sure school is an enjoyable and happy place to be and learn; there will be some changes from what I'm used to, but this is all to help keep everyone as safe as possible.*

Parent sign:

Pupil sign: