

Special Amendments to the Code of Behaviour policy during Covid 19

This addendum should be read in conjunction with the COVID-19 Response Plan.

Whilst expectations in our code of behaviour remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all students and staff. Our sole guiding principle when making any changes or adjustments to the policy is to be able to keep all of our students and staff safe and place their wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do.

- At this time, it is a requirement that students attending St. Joseph's wear a face mask when a physical distance of 2m from other staff or students cannot be maintained.
- Any student unable to wear a mask for medical reasons must provide a letter from their GP to the school in advance, stating it is not recommended for the student to wear a mask.
- Students must bring their own masks and present to school wearing the mask. Students will not be permitted to enter the school building without wearing a face mask.
- Students must not share any items, for example: pens, rulers, calculators, books, water bottles, masks, etc.
- Hand sanitizer should only be used for the purpose intended. Any students found using the hand sanitizer in an inappropriate manner will receive a -1 tick as per Code of Behaviour.
- Social distancing, hand hygiene and good respiratory etiquette should be observed by all students.

Where students are not complying, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used in the same manner as per Code of Behaviour, i.e.

- A -1 tick will be issued where a student is not cooperating with the correct use of their face mask
- If a student refuses to wear their mask, they will be removed from the classroom and brought to the isolation area and met by a member of the management team
- If the health and safety of other students and staff are put at risk by the student(s) not adhering to safety measures, as per public health advice, then a parent/guardian will be expected to collect the student.

We never want to get to this stage, however, we are committed to doing our utmost to protect all those who form our school community.

Signature of Parents/Guardians: _____

Signature of Student: _____