



## **Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum**

At St Giles Nursery School, we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in 2020 Behaviour Policy remain pertinent. It is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below:

### **Arrivals, departures and moving around the school.**

Parents and children will wait in either the main car park or walk through the pedestrian gate, as directed. Parents will adhere to the social distancing right of ways on pathways and waiting marker 'spots' in the car park or within the school play areas. If siblings must be accompanying adults, they must not leave the adult- buggies and reins must be used for very young children. If siblings do not follow the protocol, the Nursery School will be unable to accept the child into the Nursery.

Children will enter school through their designated entrance, guided by their key person(s) as required. Some children may need assistance and may be supported in a parent to key person handover, at the parent's request.

Adults will guide children into the setting. Children will enter in small groups and will go straight to their designated 'bubble' classroom, keeping a reasonable distance from others, as is manageable with very young children.

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent has come to collect them, again keeping their distance using the markers on the floors as a guide.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their 'bubble' classroom to go outside for outdoor learning, they will be escorted by an adult, walking in a safe group to the designated play space.

## **Handwashing and Hygiene**

Families will be encouraged to apply antibacterial hand gel on entry to the site.

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school.

Children will wash hands on entry to school entering school, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

We ask children to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it, mantra when in school, if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school. Young children may not be able to follow these concepts at all time, but we will try to help them remember.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines will initially be encouraged, communication with parents will be shared to encourage the child at home. If the child is at risk, the parents/carers will be informed and a meeting to discuss the suitability of attendance at this time will be considered.

## **Social Distancing**

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible. We encourage children to play and learn together and are using smaller groups and designated spaces to ensure children are only in contact with 10 or less children over the week.

Children will be taught about the designated spaces and how to play safely. If a young child cannot remain within the spaces, an adult will explain using our behaviour strategy approaches. If a child persists to breach the 'bubble' and put other children at risk, the parents/carers will be informed and a meeting to discuss the suitability of attendance at this time will be considered.

## **Toilets**

Each pod will have their own toilets to use. These will be sign posted. Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time (this may not always be possible with nursery children). When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands. An adult will be available to support the child in good hygiene practices and will wipe to clean the door handles and toilet area after each use. The wipes will then be discarded in the bin.

### **Snack and Lunch times**

Snack and Lunch will be eaten in their bubbles. Children will eat at their table, picnic mat or in their own space. They will be encouraged not get out of their seats, or move around. Children will have packed lunches brought in disposable bags.

### **Supporting Children's Well-being**

St Giles Nursery School recognises that many children may have experienced a challenging time during Lockdown. They are returning to Nursery into a different environment with different expectations. The key spaces have been created with similar resources and the key adults are familiar. However, children will need time to transition into Nursery and will require emotional and physical support to settle. Adults will continue to provide physical and emotional warmth as required. Children who request a hug, will receive one. The adults will show caring, whilst keeping their head above the child's to reduce breathing on the child.

### **Supporting Learning from home.**

Some children will remain at home with their Parents and Carers. St Giles Nursery School will continue to offer support for learning and development experiences during this time. The use of Tapestry is the application used to share communications and ALL Parents and Carers should look at it regularly. Staff and Families should interact in a respectful way using this application. Teaching staff are in school teaching in the daytime and families must recognise that staff may need some time to respond to their uploads.

Communications will continue using Parentmail. It is important that families review their emails or access the app regularly. Important information about changes in school will be shared in this way.