



ADDENDUM – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

This addendum must be read in conjunction with the Positive Behaviour Policy and School Rules.

In these very difficult and unprecedented times, Nendrum College will continue to expect the very highest standards and expectations of all pupils. The aim of the addendum to our Positive Behaviour Policy is to inform all stakeholders of the key additions to promote a positive and safe learning environment under the guidelines set out by the Northern Ireland Executive / Department of Education.

At this time, there is an even bigger need for a clearly understood and agreed set of expectations with regards to behaviour specifically around Covid-19 guidance. The management of socially responsible behaviour and hygiene measures in place at Nendrum College requires that every pupil and staff member takes personal responsibility and adheres to the measures implemented to keep themselves and others safe. As ever, Nendrum College will work in close partnership with all stakeholders in the best interests of our pupils.

Rules and expectations during COVID-19-19

All pupils are expected to follow the code of conduct which incorporates additional Covid-19 guidelines set out by Nendrum College in accordance with Northern Ireland Executive / Department of Education and PHA guidance.

Full school uniform will continue to be worn. Full PE kit (including black hoody and black tracksuit bottoms [not leggings]) will be required on days when pupils have PE. All school uniform items should be cleaned regularly.

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Due to instructions by the Department of Education in January 2020, all pupils must now wear a face covering in all situations including classrooms in the College. Pupils who are exempt on medical grounds and whose parent/guardian has notified the College continue to be so.

Parents must ensure their son/daughter has a face covering for use in school and must reinforce the importance of the covering along with hand and respiratory hygiene and the importance of social distancing.

Should a pupil not have/ refuse to wear a face covering he/she may be sent home.

Repeated breaches of the use of face coverings may result in suspension from school as a breach of health and safety rules in the College and the interests of the wider community.



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Code of Conduct under COVID-19-19 Guidelines

- Pupils are expected to behave in a respectful, polite and courteous manner to all members of Nendrum College at all times.
- Pupils must respect all social distancing measures in place in the school building.
- When on school premises, pupils must not mix with those outside of their bubble, and should maintain 1m social distancing where possible, including on entering the school gates.
- Pupils are to arrive punctually and enter the building under the supervision of staff, following all instructions. This will include single file on and immediate hand sanitisation on entry to the building.
- At the start and end of the day pupils must not congregate outside the school.
- Wash your hands at every opportunity or when asked by staff and keep hands sanitised. As a minimum this should be: upon arrival, break times, before and after lunch and before leaving school.
- Use tissues for respiratory hygiene (Catch it, Kill it, Bin it).
- Pupils will remain in their allocated seats in their classrooms at all times.
- Pupils are not permitted to get up out of their seats during lessons without express permission.
- **Pupils will eat their break and lunch in classrooms only.**
- Pupils will only bring water to school (no other drinks). Pupils must not share drinks or food at any time.
- Normal school rules pertaining to mobile phones, electronic devices and headphones apply. Headphones must not be shared.
- Borrowing equipment is prohibited due to hygiene, therefore, pupils must be fully prepared when attending school.
- Pupils must not touch the belongings of others.
- Teaching and non-teaching staff will teach/supervise/work with pupils from the front and will support pupils safely from a 2 metre distance.
- Pupils must not impinge on this distance and must follow instructions to socially distance from adults.
- Pupils must tell a member of staff immediately if they or someone in their household are experiencing symptoms or have received a positive test for Covid-19.
- **Only pupils who have informed the College of the need for a medical pass for the toilet will be permitted to use the toilets during lessons.**
- When using the toilets:
 - Only one person is allowed to enter the toilets at any one time.
 - Maintain a minimum 1 m distance from the person in front of you if there is a queue to use the toilet.



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- Wash your hands thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds after using the toilet.

Behaviour Responsibilities

Our Positive Behaviour Policy including RRSA Class Charter and School Rules will continue to be used to ensure behaviour is commensurate with our high expectations at all times.

Pupils will take responsibility for their own conduct and behaviour in line with the Positive Behaviour Policy and this addendum in relation to Covid-19. Pupils are also expected to adhere to the existing behaviour policy and guidance. Pupils are strongly encouraged to report any instances where they believe social distancing or safety measures are not being adhered to.

Staff will ensure policy and procedures are followed and consistently and fairly applied. Staff have a responsibility, with the support of the Senior Leadership Team, for creating a safe and secure learning environment with students and staff safety at the forefront.

Parents and guardians are expected to take full responsibility for the conduct and behaviour of their child/children linked to the routines and guidance relating to Covid-19. Parents and guardians are to work in partnership with the school in maintaining these new measures and the high expectations of behaviour in line with this addendum.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the safety of pupils, staff and local community is paramount, therefore, if an incident of unacceptable behaviour is linked to failing to adhere to the COVID-19 procedures, the matter should be immediately reported to a member of staff. The relevant Head of Year will co-ordinate the response. Any serious breaches of the rules and expectations may result in parents/guardians being contacted regarding the risk that their young person is posing to the school community with particular reference to Covid-19. Parents/ guardians may be asked to collect their child. This includes deliberate actions against health & safety and protecting against the spread of Covid-19, which will result in suspension from school.

Any instances of bullying, including any Covid-19 related incident, will be thoroughly investigated adhering to the Anti-Bullying Policy.

It is important that the whole school community work together to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all.