**Covid Changes to Code of Behaviour**

Behaviour Principles

We must acknowledge the need for the school community in St Oliver’s to behave differently and to follow specific rules on the return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic, the details below highlight the changes to the Code of Behaviour that pupils, staff and parents will need to be aware of and to follow. Our guiding principle when making any changes or adjustments to policy is to be able to keep all of our children, families and staff safe and place their wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do. We have been approaching all the changes with a positive approach-through educating the children on the rationale for these changes-empowering them to understand the necessary changes and be in control of their own behaviour. We ask parents/guardians to highlight this also to children and to ensure children wash their hands each day before arrival at school.

**Pupil Code of Conduct**

**Pupils are expected to:**

* Arrive to and depart from school premises at the agreed time. The agreed entry and exit points re to be used. Reminders have been sent to parents around the importance of **departing the school gate promptly** at these times.
* Follow the class plan around hand washing and sanitising. HSE guidelines to be adhered to. Sanitiser is to be used appropriately at all times.
* Remain in their designated Pods/Bubbles seating as directed by their class teacher.
* Maintain a safe distance from other pupils and members of staff and refrain from physical contact with their peers in hallways/playground.
* Follow the recommended respiratory etiquette: cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into elbow; if a tissue is used, throw it in the bin. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching the mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
* Maintain responsibility for their own equipment e.g. stationery, lunch boxes and water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.
* Inform a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus.

In line with our Code of Behaviour, sanctions for each level of unsafe behaviour (including pupils who are deliberately not following instructions for social distancing) will be in place. Continued breaches of Covid-19 guidelines and all behaviours in breach of the school’s Code of Behaviour will be deemed as serious offences, as the health and safety of the whole school community is at risk. We will follow our Code of Behaviour sanctions in all situations.

We would like to thank staff, parents and children in the combined effort that is in place and we are very hopeful for continued levels of effort, commitment and participation. We are all in this together, with one goal-the Health and Safety of each child.