

## **COVID 19 – Addendum to Behaviour Policy July 2020**

In these very difficult and unprecedented times, behaviour and safeguarding of our students is still at the heart of our policy and practice at Passmores Academy. We fully recognise the contribution we can make to protect and support both students and staff amid the Coronavirus epidemic. The aim of this addendum is to inform all stakeholders of the key changes to promote a positive and safe learning environment. The welfare of both staff and students is the key priority whilst they are attending Passmores.

At Passmores Academy, despite the current challenges we face, it is still our policy to continue with our high standards and expectations of all students, take our students' health and welfare seriously, and to act in accordance with our behaviour policy to keep them safe. Our changes and processes for the dealing with behaviour during COVID-19 are outlined below.

'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families have a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

### **Social Distancing**

We shall follow the Government guidance on social distancing. Students will be made aware of expectations in classrooms and around the building and this should be followed without exception. This applies at break and lunch as well. In classrooms, students must follow instructions from staff at all times, this is especially important with regard to seating instructions and entering and leaving the classroom.

Any behaviour that wilfully undermines the safety measures put in place or risks the safety of staff or students will not be tolerated. If incidents occur, they will be treated as high level behaviour incidents and sanctioned accordingly.

### **Equipment**

It is crucial that students come to school fully equipped and ready to learn. We would also ask that students bring tissues to school so that they can cover their mouth if they cough or sneeze. Students will be able to wash their hands throughout the day and apply hand sanitiser when needed.

### **Entering and leaving the school site**

Students will be given instructions about which entrances they can use. Students will not be permitted to wait in school at the end of the day.