

## **POLICY – THE CV 19 PANDEMIC AND THE SCHOOL POLICIES**

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### **OVERVIEW**

The CV19 pandemic has placed considerable strain on this school, its governors, staff, parents and pupils. The school will wherever possible provide education and care in line with all of its policies. The governing body recognises that there may be some occasions when the pandemic limits what the school is able to do to carry out its stated intent. In this situation, the school will do the best that it can to meet the intentions of all of its policies within the limitations forced upon it by the CV19 pandemic. Where due to the pandemic, the school is unable to meet its intentions in full, it will move quickly to meet those intentions as soon as the circumstances allow.

### **INTENT**

1. The school will at all times follow its safeguarding policy and the DfE Guidelines for Safeguarding regardless of the challenges of the CV19 pandemic.
2. The school will do all that it can during the CV19 epidemic, to ensure that it carries out the intentions stated in its other policies. It recognises that some circumstances caused by the epidemic may require it to make temporary modifications to some of those policies.
3. Where the school is unable to carry out the intentions of a policy it will attempt to seek alternative effective means of meeting those intentions.
4. Modifications of policies will be temporary. As soon as the circumstances change to allow the school to return to normal working the modifications will end and the policies will stand.
5. The school will keep parents informed of any necessary modifications to its policies.
6. The school will make every endeavour within its resources, to offer appropriate support to those pupils with SEND and EHCPs
7. The school will liaise with the LA and other appropriate agencies to maintain the specialist support that some pupils may need.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. During the CV19 pandemic, the school will fully implement the DfE Guidelines for Safeguarding and its policies for safeguarding, care and support of all pupils, especially those pupils who are vulnerable or at risk.
2. The school will do its best to remain open for all pupils in order to maintain care, teaching and learning on site as long as this can be done safely.
3. The school will continue to implement all of its policies to underpin its responsibilities unless the pandemic makes necessary for it to make temporarily modifications to the provisions in some of those policies.
4. The school will use its website and other means of effective communication to keep governors, parents and others informed of any necessary temporary modifications to policies.
5. The school will offer appropriate support to those with SEND and EHCPs in line with its policies unless the pandemic causes modifications to be made.
6. It will liaise with appropriate agencies to maintain the specialist support that some pupils may need.
7. The school will remain available to offer help and advice to parents who request support with the provision of learning at home.

### **IMPACT**

This policy sets out the intent and broad guidelines for implementation that will underpin the school's actions in relation to its policies during the CV19 pandemic. The prime intention of the school is that pupils will continue to be educated on site and that all provision will be guided by the school's policies, unless there is a need to make temporary modifications. It is expected that all parents and the school will work together in partnership to resolve any problems that need to be overcome if policies need to be modified due to the constraints placed on the school by the CV19 pandemic.