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Keeping Everyone Safe – Expected Standards of conduct

Dear Pupils/Parents/Carers

Thank you, so much, for your on-going support and constructive communication during this continuing period of uncertainty.

As we prepare to return and open the school to more pupils, it is important that there is clarification on expected standards of behaviour when pupils return.

Our Behaviour Policy already covers expected standards within school and this can be found on the school website at http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/serve_file/318328

To be clear, schools must be as safe as possible to ensure that our pupils, our staff, and the wider school community of families beyond the school gate remain as safe as possible at this difficult time.

To do this, the Government have issued guidance around social distancing in schools, and what protective measures should be in place.

The expectation is that all pupils returning to school will follow rules and guidance as explained. These may change as we adjust to the return of more pupils.

We have, for the time being, loosened the Uniform Policy to take into account the burdens on parents to wash clothes more often, as such, children are expected to come to school in the following items of more widely available 'uniform':

- Sensible pair of dark trousers/joggers/shorts (or other appropriate legwear for girls/boys)
- School dresses as appropriate
- Trainers (we need all children to wear trainers as any physical PE will not involve changing of clothes) – the colour of the trainers does not matter
- White polo/t-shirt/blouse/shirt or equivalent
- School jumpers etc...if appropriate to the weather conditions
- A coat...if appropriate to weather conditions

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VERY IMPORTANT - Behaviour that puts others at risk will not be tolerated. Should there be instances where a pupil deliberately uses COVID-19 risk of infection as a threat or actual event, for example deliberately coughing over someone, this will be treated as a serious breach of the school behaviour policy. Full sanctions may apply, up to and including permanent exclusion if this was so serious to merit it. Of course, this would be a very last resort and we want all parents to be safe in the knowledge that we expect children to take the utmost responsible for their behaviour and care for others. Please support with this message at home.

It is also essential that pupils:

- Listen to and follow the instructions of any school staff member, first time, every time;
- Keep their hands and feet to themselves;
- Not play any games which involve physical contact with other children
- Stay with their designated group at all times unless told otherwise by an adult
- Follow signage in school (we will, of course, help them with this)
- Only go into toilet areas if there is nobody else in there
- Try to maintain a 2m social distance



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This is not an exhaustive list. If we feel that the behavioural choices of individual children are putting the well-being of others at risk, we will apply the behaviour policy accordingly. I am very aware that the vast majority of pupils will want to comply and will, in fact, be apprehensive about returning to school. We will care for and support all of the pupils to keep them safe. We are asking for exactly the same in return from the pupils who attend CJS in the second half of the summer term. Making school safe really matters for everyone and everybody's co-operation is appreciated.

So, to make it clear and to reassure pupils, parents and carers, we will be implementing the Government recommended steps to make our school as safe as possible and we have detailed many of the steps we are taking in previous communications. Anyone showing signs of Covid19, will be dealt with as promptly as possible in the ways detailed in previous communications and in the school's risk assessment and action plan.

The standards of behaviour should reflect the needs of the whole school community. Everyone's support is necessary to make sure that our steps to manage this process are as effective as possible.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Smythe".

Mr Alex Smythe

Head teacher