



## Further Information on Social Distancing in School

Whilst staff and pupils are in school, although we understand that at times social distancing is challenging, it is essential to ensure we are following social distancing guidelines as much as possible.

Social distancing measures are in place to reduce social interactions between people which will help reduce the transition of Covid-19. The government guidelines include;

- Staying 2 metres (6ft) away from other people is recommended where possible
- Where this is not possible, staying 1 metre away from other people with extra precautions such as being outside, a well ventilated room and facing away from others is acceptable
- If you are required to spend time with others closer than 1 metre away, then these periods should be kept to the shortest possible time
- Washing your hands more often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoiding gatherings
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

Follow this link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

Staff should ensure they are following the government guidelines as well as encourage pupils to do the same. The following are some school specific expectations. These compliment the government guidance and are not exhaustive. Staff should:

- Regularly wash their hands and encourage pupils to do so as well
- Ensure pupils are washing their hands before they eat
- Ensure that they wipe down any surfaces and objects with antibacterial wipes/spray which have been regularly touched e.g. desks, toys, sports equipment including bikes and helmets
- Ensure that you are not moving around school in large groups
- Open windows and doors where possible to let fresh air into rooms
- Where possible use doors that open into outdoor spaces to avoid the use of corridors where social distancing can be difficult
- Use corridors only when required to access other areas to reduce social distancing difficulties associated with these spaces
- Stagger attendance of the dining hall
- Take any other reasonable precautions that reduces the risk of transmission

Please remember that you can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms so it is crucial that **everyone** follows these guidelines as much as is practicably possible.