**Essa Academy Covid19 Behaviour Policy March 2021**

This policy sits alongside the Essa Academy Behaviour Policy but includes additional guidance due to the COVID19 pandemic. This policy helps ensure that all members of our Academy community can remain safe.

**Getting to The Academy**

* Where possible, students should travel to the Academy by cycling, walking or with parents in family transport.
* Public transport should be used as a last resort. Face masks must be worn on Public Transport as required by UKGov directive (15th June 2020)
* On their journey to and from the Academy, students should follow the social distancing rules, staying 2 metres apart from others
* Students must be respectful to members of the public while travelling to and from The Academy
* Students must not congregate in groups

**Arrival at the Academy**

* Students must follow staff instructions immediately.
* Students should line up wearing face masks in the allocated space for their year groups
* All students should wear face masks in and around the Academy unless exempt from wearing one on medical grounds. Parents must inform the Academy about medical exemptions or any medical issues. In these instances, students must display their blue badges (proved by Essa) prominently.
* Students must sanitise their hands on entering the building – these facilities are available at bottom of Science stairs by reception the entrance to classrooms
* Students should follow the one-way system at all times as directed
* Students go directly to the seat they have been allocated once they enter the classroom.

**In the Classroom**

* Face masks must be worn in classrooms, as well as in other communal spaces and between lessons (unless a medical letter is provided).
* Students are not expected to wear face masks outside unless lining up
* Students must go immediately to the seat they have been allocated. They must remain in the seat for the lesson.
* Students are not permitted to walk around the room
* Students must not touch any furniture or items in the room other than their own desk/seat or equipment
* Students who need the toilet must only go when given permission by a member of staff
* Students must remain on task

**Public Health guidance**

* Students must adhere to government health guidance at all times. They must remain 2 metres away from others whenever possible
* Students need tissues for coughs or sneezes. The Academy will provide. The tissue must be disposed of immediately in the bins provided
* Students need to adhere to good hygiene at all times, such as washing hands regularly

**Leaving the Academy**

* Students will have a staggered finish and must leave the premises immediately as directed to do so by staff
* Students must not congregate or wait at the front of school, but must immediately make their way home
* Once home, students need to wash their uniform prior to their next day in school

**Serious Incidents**

We will take a zero-tolerance approach to the following:

* Coughing/ spitting deliberately to provoke fear/ upset
* Touching any member of the Academy (or their equipment) after being told not to
* Refusal to adhere to social distancing
* Leaving the room/ movement around the room without permission and after clear warnings
* Internal Exclusion will be in operation. Students will wear a face mask as per classroom expectations

**Any student failing to follow these expectations places themselves at risk of exclusion.**

**Any student caught deliberately spitting or coughing at others will be excluded, possibly permanently.**