



## G17: COVID-19 Pandemic Policy

### Rationale

The Governing Body of The Commonweal School has a duty to ensure that statutory requirements are met. The Governing Body approves and reviews policies to be used to guide how the school meets these requirements. The SARS COVID-19 pandemic has required changes to the way education is delivered nationally and at The Commonweal School. This Policy describes how approved policies are to be interpreted and implemented during the period of disruption to schooling caused by the SARS COVID-19 pandemic.

### Aim

- To allow the school to operate during the SARS COVID-19 pandemic period in a manner which is not in full compliance with policies previously promulgated by the Governing Body.

### Guidelines

The Governing Body accepts that the policies which it has approved cannot be implemented in full during the SARS COVID-19 pandemic period.

From time to time as necessary during the SARS COVID-19 pandemic period, the Headteacher informs the governing body of the manner in which the school must be operated to meet regulations and guidelines published by the Government. As necessary, the Governing Body agrees the operating system with the Headteacher.

The Governing Body therefore accepts that the policies which it has previously approved must be interpreted in light of the operating system approved by the Governing Body from time to time during the SARS COVID-19 pandemic period.

Any queries or concerns relating to the interpretation of policies shall be raised with the Headteacher in the first instance. If necessary, advice from the Chair of the Governing Body shall be sought thereafter.

The Governing Body has approved the following policies for use during the SARS COVID-19 Pandemic period. These policies shall be implemented in full without interpretation:-

Annex to Policy P15: Safeguarding and Child Protection

Annex to Policy P25: Behaviour for Learning

Annex to Policy P6a: Teachers Performance Management

Annex to Policy G12: Complaints Policy

### Review

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The Governing Body shall, in discussion with the Headteacher, decide when this policy shall no longer be necessary and shall cancel the policy at that time.

The Headteacher shall advise the Governing Body at each full governing body meeting, or between full Governing Body meetings if appropriate, when the school is able to return to normal teaching practices and that this policy is no longer necessary.