

Behaviour Policy

Annex 1 COVID-19 school arrangements

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COVID-19 Behaviour Policy Annex (September 2020)

From March 2020, the global Covid-19 pandemic has led to a change in how we define some of our children's behaviours in school and our assessment as to whether these are difficult or dangerous, particularly where a child or young person's behaviours could cause an increased risk to their own health or the health of others.

Examples of this might include (but are not limited to):

- Spitting and coughing at others
- repeated disregard of social distancing rules
- not staying in their class bubble

We will work together with the child, parents/carers to carry out a risk assessment which will explore whether a child can manage in the school environment, under current circumstances.

In exceptional circumstances, the outcomes of the risk assessment may mean that we might be unable to offer a place in school, at this time.

In some circumstances, children might be offered shorter sessions to begin with, working towards increasing these as appropriate.

If a child is unable to manage within the safety rules to minimize Covid-19 risk, then an offer of a school place may be removed until a new plan and phased return can be implemented that ensures the current guidance can be adhered to.

In all cases, the child's Risk Assessment and plan will be regularly reviewed and the school will work with the family to ensure support to the child is provided in other ways, through reasonable endeavours.

Changes to our Behaviour Policy

The pandemic has also meant that it has been necessary to change many of our normal routines and expectations of behavior for everybody.

We have altered routines for arrival and departure, stressing the vital importance of punctuality when dropping off and collecting children, to avoid overlap of groups' staggered timings. The importance of social distancing at these times has also been communicated clearly to parents, children and staff.

The importance of adhering to strict hygiene routines including regular handwashing, use of sanitizers, catching sneezes and coughs in tissues and not touching faces, has been communicated to staff and children. It is expected that all will follow these routines, after regular reminders.

Children have been grouped into 'bubbles' and must not socialize or spend time with children from other groups. Children and staff must stay in allocated areas, unless they are strictly social distancing.

Children must immediately tell an adult if they think they might have symptoms of coronavirus. Adults must communicate with the Headteacher or the Senior Administration Officer if they think they are unwell due to coronavirus. They must then follow the 'Test and Trace' procedure, outlined by PHE (details available on the school website).

Equipment must not be shared. If this happens the equipment must be wiped with anti-bacterial spray or wipes, and the children must wash their hands.

Break times and lunch times will be staggered (please see risk assessment for details), and the use of equipment will be strictly controlled.

Each group of children has an allocated toilet. Only one child must go to the toilet at a time. The toilets will be cleaned when the cleaner comes in at Midday, and at the end of the day.

We will review our systems of sanctions and rewards, to consider recognition of children who are making a particular effort to change their patterns of behavior to follow these new rules and behave safely at this time.

All members of staff will be expected to make sure that children follow this policy. Everybody has a responsibility to ensure that the risks of the spread of the virus are kept to a minimum by adhering to these rules.