



BEHAVIOUR POLICY: CORONAVIRUS ADDENDUM

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1. Scope

This addendum applies until further notice.

It sets out changes and exceptions to our normal behaviour policy. Pupils, parents and staff should continue to follow our normal behaviour policy with respect to anything not covered in this addendum.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and pupils.

2. Expectations for pupils in school

2.1 New rules

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and ensure they are followed consistently.

- Children should arrive at school via their designated pathways without congregating with others on the school grounds
- Children should come into school independently where possible or be accompanied by only one adult (wearing a mask)
- Children should sanitise their hands on entry to school and regularly within school as directed by school staff, following correct hygiene procedures
- Children should stay within their designated classrooms, play areas and allocated toilets to avoid contact with other 'bubbles'
- Everyone should wash their hands regularly
- Children should use play equipment responsibly and should avoid unnecessary contact with others to minimise risk but adjustments around child contact within bubbles will be made according to the age of the children
- When moving around school with their own bubble, children should be considerate to other bubbles who have different break and lunch times to avoid disturbing learning due to the new staggered arrangements
- Children should avoid coughing or sneezing over others and use good hygiene practice following the government advice: 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!'
- If children feel unwell, they must report it to staff immediately to protect themselves and others and parents will be contacted by staff if it is advised that their child should go home
- All children should use their allocated equipment wherever possible and wash hands after using shared equipment in their bubble or after playing outside
- Children should only bring essential equipment to school as directed by their class teacher and leave personal items at home

- Years 5/6 children should leave the school premises promptly at their designated times and avoid gathering in groups
- All children and parents should make their way off school premises promptly at the end of the day as gathering or playing on the school grounds / equipment is not permitted to avoid contact across bubbles and with other households

Parents and carers should also read the rules and ensure that their children follow the new procedures that have been put in place for everyone's safety; we value parental support in helping children to understand the importance of these changes as the safety of all of our children and staff is always prioritised. Parents should contact the school office if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them.

Following the additional school rules is imperative as we aim to minimise risks and keep the children happy and safe at school. These have been written in line with Government guidelines:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

It may be necessary to put further plans in place to minimise risk and keep children safe, which may provide the support and encouragement for children to play safely, particularly during unstructured times.

Some pupils with SEND (whether with education, health and care plans or on SEN support) will need specific help and preparation for the changes to routine that this will involve, so all teachers / SENDCo will plan to meet these needs and make reasonable adjustments.

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

To help encourage children, there will be rewards for following the rules, and sanctions will be used if these rules are not adhered to, in accordance with our school's Behaviour Policy. Children will be supported by adults within school to follow the new measures in place and regularly reminded of expectations.

2.3 Changed rules

Until further notice, we will alter the following school rules:

- Expectations for attendance – the [latest government guidance](#) says attendance will be mandatory from September and therefore normal statutory expectations for attendance will be in place. Please also refer to the school's attendance policy.
- Expectations for uniform – the government is encouraging schools to revert to normal policy. From September 2020, all pupils must wear uniform to school and follow normal school rules on uniform as set out in our uniform policy. If children cannot wear their full uniform, parents should contact Mrs Sweeney, Headteacher.

3. Expectations for pupils at home

3.1 Remote learning rules

If pupils are not in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure their children follow them. Parents should contact the school office if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of these rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them with their learning:

- Children should engage in class 'Zoom' meetings, including morning registration where the day's lessons will be explained
- Children will be expected to engage in their daily remote learning tasks via the learning platform and have all been given individual logins
- Children should be contactable during the school day and respond to emails or instructions
- Children should complete work to the deadline set by teachers or teaching assistants, ideally completing work on the day that it is given

- Children should seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants, and can use the learning platform as a communication channel
- Children and/or parents should alert teachers or teaching assistants if they're not able to complete tasks or if there are difficulties with accessing their work
- Children should use proper online conduct, such as using appropriate language in messages

3.2 Dealing with problems

If there are any problems with children adhering to rules around remote learning, including occasions when they don't engage with the remote learning set for them, we will contact parents and carers directly to see if school staff can help to resolve any issues.

4. Monitoring arrangements

We will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and at every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child Protection Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Remote Learning Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Uniform Policy
- COVID-19 Risk Assessment