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Behaviour Policy

in response to reopening school
(COVID - 19)

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Linked Documents: Behaviour Policy

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Rationale

This policy is a supplement to our main behaviour policy to support the health and safety of both staff and pupils, due to the increased risk of infection presented by the COVID-19 virus.

During their prolonged absence from school, pupils have suffered from significant changes to their learned routines, daily structure, social and behavioural norms. Pupils have potentially forgotten the habits and expectations which are essential to the culture of our school. Leaders and governors are aware that COVID-19 has the potential to impact on the mental health of pupils and their family members; this in turn can affect a pupil's behaviour.

A positive ethos is created in our school by establishing behavioural norms and ensuring that these are taught explicitly and over-corrected where necessary to ensure that the school is a calm and welcoming environment where rules are followed to enable excellent teaching and learning to take place. We have reviewed the behaviour policy in response to the enforced COVID-19 disruption by introducing new behavioural norms and routines around protective measures and personal hygiene whilst upholding all of the core principles of our original behaviour policy.

Children will be expected to follow the rules set out below to reduce the risk of the virus spreading:

- Do not bring equipment from home except a packed lunch if necessary and a water bottle clearly named and when the weather is warm do not wear a coat.
- Follow any altered routines for arrival or departure. If you arrive after your arrival time you will have to wait until all other children have entered school.
- Wait in designated place on arrival at school - markings on the playground.
- Wash hands on arrival.
- Only mix/socilaise with the children in your Home Team.
- During outdoor time maintain 2m distance where possible.
- Move around the school following instructions given by an adult, queue at a 2m distance if needed, stay away from areas that are out of bounds.
- Follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- If you sneeze or cough use a tissue and then dispose of the tissue in a lidded bin and wash your hands.

- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- Tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.
- Don't share your pack of equipment, lunch or water bottle with anyone else.
- Leave all equipment and books at school.
- Only use the toilets you have been told to use.
- Do not cough or spit at or towards any other person.
- When leaving school go straight home and do not mix with children from another Home Team.

Communication

These rules will be shared with parents via the school website prior to a child returning to school. They will be discussed with children at an age appropriate level when they return to school and discussed and explained.

Sanctions

Any child who fails to follow these rules, depending on the severity, will be given a warning. If they continue to persistently breach the new COVID-19 protection rules, or commit a serious breach, they will be sanctioned by the Principal, which could include a child being asked to continue their learning from home as they are putting the health and safety of other pupils and staff at risk.