



# Behaviour Policy Addendum

Summer 2021

## **School Behaviour expectations**

Our school has added this addendum to our Positive Behaviour Policy in line with the DfE guidance following the return of all pupils during the Covid-19 Pandemic. In England we are seeing restrictions starting to be lifted and the government's four-step roadmap offering a route back to a more normal life. As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives. We are going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe, we must carry on with 'hands, face, space' and comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. As part of these measures we will ensure that our expectations regarding behaviour are shared with all pupils so that they understand the consequences for poor behaviour choices and deliberately breaking the rules and how we will enforce those rules including any sanctions.

- School Leaders will work with staff, pupils and parent/carers to ensure that behaviour expectations are clearly understood, and consistently supported, taking account of individual needs and will consider how to build new expectations into their rewards system.
- We will continue to work closely with parents/carers of the pupils who have struggled to re-engage with school following the national lockdown and are at risk of being absent and/or persistently disruptive, including providing support for overcoming barriers to attendance and behaviour
- The disciplinary powers that schools currently have, including exclusion, remain in place. Permanent exclusion will only be used as a last resort. Where a child with a social worker is at risk of exclusion, their social worker will be informed and involved in relevant conversations.
- Any disciplinary exclusion of a pupil, even for short periods of time, will be consistent with the relevant legislation.

**If a pupil does not adhere to the school expectations sanctions will be used and persistent refusal to follow the school behaviour policy may lead to an exclusion, particularly if others are put at risk as a result of the behaviour.**

- Pupils in early Years, KS1 and above will be encouraged not to touch their peers and teachers will maintain a distance of 2 metres or 1 metre + with additional measures.
- Any behaviour that could lead to the spread of the virus, i.e. deliberate spitting or coughing on others will be dealt with as a serious matter.
- This is particularly the case when considering restrictions on movement around the school, the bubble system and the reminder of the hygiene rules.
- We expect pupils to follow this guidance and demonstrate safe behaviours at all times.
- All pupils should wear the full school uniform. Parents/carers should ensure that their children are capable of self-care with regards to dressing etc.

### **Break & Lunchtimes**

The pupils will remain in their bubble and will not mix with other bubbles during the school day. The breaks will be staggered to allow for social distancing on the playground. School meals will be delivered to their classroom and will be eaten at their table.

### **Social Stories and additional resources**

For some pupils we recognise that they will need additional support to follow the measures (for example, routes round school marked in braille or with other meaningful symbols, and social stories to support them in understanding how to follow rules). The school will endeavour to have these resources in place as the school begins to open to some year groups across the school and will continue to monitor and risk assess the building and resources as we move forward.

### **Alternative Provisions (AP)**

The Alternative Provision will follow the same principles and guidance as the mainstream school. Staff will use simple language to explain safety measures, and reiterate and reinforce key messages. Safe routines for access to toilets, hand-cleaning and break and lunch times have been put in place.

### **Transport**

Those involved in the provision of home to school transport must do all that is reasonably practicable to maximise social distancing where possible and minimise the risk of transmission, i.e. through alternate seating or separation between year groups or schools. Pupils are expected to adhere to all behaviour guidance given whilst on transport to school. In accordance with advice from PHE, children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school. This does not apply to people who are exempt from wearing a face covering on public transport.