

Behaviour Policy Update - Covid 19



This update is in place following a change to school life in light of the Coronavirus/ Covid 19 pandemic. This is a time of heightened risk to children and staff in school. The school Behaviour Policy is therefore subject to amendments as detailed below.

Staff should explain the expectations to children who attend school during the next phase of the Government's re-opening strategy (from 1 June 2020). At this time, there is an expectation that members of the school community will, where possible, try to avoid physical contact with others – both in class and when playing/learning outside. Should a child require staff to administer first aid treatment, staff should wear gloves, a disposable apron and if appropriate a face mask (only once guidelines have been read and agreed) and follow risk assessments.

We appreciate that 'children will be children' and that these are unprecedented times. Any apparently unintentional error on the child's behalf will be managed by clear explanations, reminders and support. It is anticipated that this would be a short-term issue and the children will quickly adjust to the new measures. However, where it is deemed that a child is intentionally breaking the rules, further sanctions will be applicable.

At this time of the danger of the spread of the virus, if, despite explanations, reminders and support, a child behaves in a manner that poses a risk to the rest of the school community, even though their actions are unintentional, they may be required to continue their education remotely in their home environment. If a child is deemed to be a risk to others due to their actions, and their actions considered to be deliberate, then they will be required to continue their education remotely in their home environment and face the possibility of fixed-term or permanent exclusion.

The behaviours below are not acceptable and will be dealt with as outlined above or in-line with the school Behaviour Policy, according to whether the behaviour is intentional or unintentional.

- ❖ Poking, pushing or prodding;
- ❖ Play-fighting/wrestling;
- ❖ Throwing items at others or any dangerous play;
- ❖ Interfering with another person's property;
- ❖ Throwing or flicking objects in the classroom;
- ❖ Misuse of toilet or sink areas;
- ❖ Walking away from an adult when spoken to;
- ❖ Leaving the classroom without permission;
- ❖ Intentionally repeatedly ignoring social distancing or guidelines relating to equipment.

The behaviours below can result in the immediate removal from contact with other members of the school community, or a fixed-term or permanent exclusion:

- ❖ Licking a person, or item which it is probable that others could come into contact with;
- ❖ Spitting at another person;
- ❖ Spitting - unless into a toilet or bucket when unwell;
- ❖ Intentionally coughing or sneezing towards another person;
- ❖ Any other behaviour that risks the spread of Covid 19, or intends to cause significant emotional or physical distress to others.

Under no circumstances should any child be sent to another class, or sent outside the classroom unsupervised. Where support is required, the staff member should call for assistance from staff not assigned to a class, or the School Leader. If inappropriate behaviour takes place at lunchtimes, lunchtime staff should deal with this in accordance to these guidelines. If further sanction is necessary, the teacher of that group must be called for.