

Behaviour Policy Appendix and Home-School Agreement
Covid-19 Pandemic 2020



Approved by the Governing Body on 5th June 2020

Change Record:

Version	Date of Change	Changed by	Reason for Change
2.1	01/09/2020	K.Goodwin	Reflect changes to Covid-19 guidance for schools
2.2	01/09/2021	K.Goodwin	Policy review and update to reflect changes in Covid-19 guidance.

1st September 2020 - Context

Under guidance issued by the DfE on Thursday 14th May 2020, primary schools were asked to amend their behaviour policies in order to cover elements of the return to school after Covid-19 that may require an alteration to routines, practice and policy. It is envisioned that these amendments will remain in school policies for as long as required for social-distancing purposes.

1st September 2021 – Context

Covid-19 restrictions and procedures were implemented throughout 2020/21. These included the organisation of pupils in key stage bubbles, enhanced cleaning routines and regular hand-washing. From 1st September 2021, pupils will no longer have to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who tests positive for the virus and the bubble system will no longer be in place (although measures may need to be reintroduced temporarily as a response to an outbreak). Some precautionary measures remain in place to minimise possible transmission of the virus.

Additional Rules

I will:

- Tell an adult straight away if I feel unwell. This might be at home or in school.
- Not bring things into school from home (or take anything home from school);
- Wash my hands as soon as I get into school;
- Follow any instructions to wash my hands with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Do my very best to cover my face with my elbow when I cough or sneeze;
- Put used tissues into the pedal bin with the lid;
- Do my very best to keep a safe distance from other people;
- Keep my hands and feet to myself when I am playing games outside;
- Only use the equipment and books in my pack or tray;
- Follow the rules at all times so that I keep myself and other people safe.

Behaviour Policy Appendix and Home-School Agreement

Covid-19 Pandemic 2020

Staff will teach and reinforce the new routines and rules in order to help pupils make a smooth transition back into school life.

Sanctions for Unsafe Behaviour

We reserve the right to impose more significant sanctions for behaviours that could endanger the health or wellbeing of members of our community. These behaviours may include, but are not limited to: coughing and/or spitting in order to cause harm or distress; or refusal to follow the social distancing guidelines. Sanctions will usually be in line with those listed in the behaviour policy (such as loss of privileges or playtime) but if behaviours persist, or if they pose a significant risk to others, it could necessitate the issuing of a fixed term exclusion.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to support the school's approach to behaviour, welfare and safety, as noted above, and to ensure that they follow the latest government advice regarding the virus when their children are at home. This is crucial for the safety of staff and other pupils.

To help my child at school, I know and understand that:

- If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of Covid -19, I must follow the latest government advice and will get a PCR test as soon as possible.
- If my child shows symptoms of Covid -19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately. I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible via telephone;
- If my child is identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive, they will attend school but I will inform the school and arrange a PCR test for my child;
- My child must attend school every day unless he/she is required to self-isolate;
- My child will not bring any items into school with them or take items home from school except for PE kit, book bag and lunch box;
- My child is expected to follow the uniform rules and clothes should be washed regularly;
- If my child wears a face covering on the journey to/from school I must provide a sealable plastic bag so that it can be stored safely during the school day;
- I will not be allowed into the school without a pre- arranged appointment – I will make appointments via telephone or email;
- I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an environment that is as safe as possible during this time;
- I will read all letters/messages/emails that are sent home;
- I will inform the school of any changes to parents/carer and emergency contacts details;
- If my child is deemed unsafe, he/she will be sent home and cannot return to school until he/she is able to behave in a safe manner.

Behaviour Policy Appendix and Home-School Agreement
Covid-19 Pandemic 2020

The School's Commitment:

The school will:

- Provide an environment which has been risk-assessed in response to the Covid-19 infection, using the Local Authority risk assessment;
- Contact parents/carers if their child displays symptoms of the Covid-19 virus;
- Contact the local Public Health Team immediately if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school and advise parents/carers of action to be taken;
- Organise the space in school to create some social distance and keep windows and doors open as much as possible;
- Supervise children closely, including when hand-washing, to ensure their safety;
- Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions, as set out in the Behaviour Policy, as well as the expectations outlined in this document;
- Offer emotional support to pupils (and their families if appropriate);
- Communicate with parents/carers regularly through phone calls, newsletters, website, emails, school app or facebook page as appropriate.