

# Behaviour Policy Addendum

September 2020

As a result of the Covid 19 outbreak, children will be asked to engage with our setting, staff and fellow pupils in a variety of ways that are very different to their previous experiences of the school. When pupils return, they will be required to follow rules and guidelines that are in place for the purpose of reducing the risk of Covid transmission and infection.

**At all times we expect children to follow these guidelines by:**

- Following altered routines for arrival and departure by entering and exiting the school site at the times provided to them and by using the correct routes into and out of school grounds.
- Following school instructions on hand hygiene practices at the times of the day where it is now compulsory. These are as follows:
  - When entering or leaving the school
  - Before and after break and lunch
  - If sneezing or coughing
  - If having come into direct contact with another person
  - After using the toilet
- Remaining in their allocated class group or bubble without mixing in other groups or with individuals who are not part of the same group unless advised by a staff member.
- Moving around the school as per specific instructions which would include:
  - Using one-way systems where these are in place
  - Staying away from prohibited or restricted areas
  - Using queueing sections appropriately
  - Staying within allocated play areas
- Following guidance around sneezing, coughing, the use of tissues and their disposal following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice provided in all school classrooms.
- Following rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles.
- Following rules around the use of toilets and maximum numbers.
- NOT coughing or spitting at or towards any other person at any time.

If an incident of this nature occurs and was deliberate, this would be categorised as Stage 3 (Extremely Serious Behaviour) in our Behaviour Policy Appendix, and would be dealt with accordingly. Please see the Behaviour Policy Appendix for more information on possible sanctions and outcomes.

Unless otherwise stated above, a failure to follow guidelines in ways which demonstrate either recklessness or refusal by a pupil would initially be categorised as Stage 1 Level (Negative Behaviour) in our Behaviour Policy Appendix and sanctions and outcomes may apply. Similar repeated behaviour would require escalation to Stage 2.

## **Positive Handling**

Our school does not usually advocate a 'no contact' policy as there are a number of examples where touching a pupil could be either proper or necessary. However, in line with current government guidance, our own risk assessment and re-opening practices regarding the risk of Covid 19 transmission, we will be operating a 'no contact' rule throughout our school day at this time.

There are only two remaining scenarios where physical contact with a pupil will be intentional and expected:

1. The administering of first aid to a pupil (PPE equipment is to be used in this instance).
2. Necessary physical restraint to prevent or cease a pupil causing harm to themselves or others.

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