



Behaviour policy: Coronavirus addendum

Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School

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Behaviour Policy Addendum - Covid-19

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and make sure they are followed consistently.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure that their child(ren) follows the new procedures that have been put in place. Parents should contact Mr. Devereux, the school's Headteacher, if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them.

All students should continue to adhere to the principles outlined in the School's Behaviour Policy. In particular, students should be mindful of the following:

- You should be careful and considerate, respectful and kind to all and obedient to those in authority, whether in person or online.
- You should be polite and friendly to peers and adults alike by following the school's Gospel Values.
- You should be safe, responsible and courteous at all times, to all members of the school.

In addition, children and staff should:

- Respect the revised day to day expectations of the class 'bubbles'
- Adhere to the revised routines and expectations for entering and exiting the school site
- Stay in their own rooms/zones unless directed otherwise
- Only interact with others in their own bubble throughout the school day
- Only use their designated entrance and exits to the school building
- Stay at their own desks unless directed otherwise.*
- Follow hygiene rules, including washing hands when asked to throughout the day

*as EYFS children do not have allocated desks, this expectation will not apply

*Staff will make their own judgement regarding staying at desks, as they will need to actively support our children.

Be aware of and follow expected Self-care and Health needs. Children should:

- Not challenge adults giving social distancing instructions when outside class bubble
- Inform an adult if they feel they have any Covid-19 symptoms
- Use tissues when sneezing or coughing and dispose of in bins
- Only go to the toilet areas one at a time and thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) wash their hands after use
- Only use their own resource packs, not interfering or touching any others resources or equipment - all items used by any child should be sanitised / cleaned after each child's use
- Only use their own water bottles and eat/drink their own food. No sharing is allowed

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School acknowledges that children will have had a range of different experiences during the lockdown period which may have an impact on their behaviour presentation upon return to school.

Some may present with frustration as a result of being isolated from school and friends. Others may have experienced bereavement or loss or another, real or perceived, traumatic episode.

For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, under unusual circumstances, may require some additional input and encouragement.

As a result of these varied experiences children may present with behaviour that is not usual, this may include;

- Anxiety; lack of confidence
- Challenging behaviour; fight or flight response
- Anger; shouting, crying
- Hyperactivity and difficulties maintaining attention

For some children, including those with attachment concerns or SEND, and especially those with autism, the change in routines and lack of familiarity will require additional adjustment.

School recognises that behaviour could be a sign that for some individual children there is an unfulfilled need and that the behaviour is communicating that there is a problem.

The school will undertake an individual risk assessment for the child and use **reasonable endeavours** to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus that may be triggering the challenging response.

Children with SEND are recognised as being particularly vulnerable and therefore have an urgent need to be re-integrated back into school as soon as reasonably possible. School will work closely with parents to implement supportive strategies that will inform an appropriate response. If necessary school will seek external support from other agencies such as BASS, Educational Psychologists or Early Help.

Sanctions

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures or involves deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk the following sanctions and disciplinary procedures could be used:

- In the first instance, conversation(s) with pupil(s) which could include a verbal warning, and other behaviour management strategies **in line with our current behaviour policy**.
- If the health and safety of other pupils and staff members continues to be put at risk by the pupils not adhering to safety measures, then the parent/carer will be contacted and a fixed term exclusion will be applied **in line with school and Tower Hamlets exclusion guidance**. An individual risk assessment for that pupil will then determine the conditions and appropriateness for a return to school – wherever possible, the pupil will return to school under the mitigated conditions of the risk assessment. If after an appropriate risk assessment it is felt that a pupil who has been excluded cannot return, then the school will consult with the local authority before taking any other action such as a return to working from home
- The circumstances and actions taken around breaches of the modified behaviour policy will be fully recorded in accordance with school and borough policies.

Any child who intentionally coughs or spits at another person must be sent home immediately

Note:

This Behaviour Policy Addendum is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and E-Safety Policy.