



## Addendum for Behaviour policy September 2020 – In response to COVID 19

This document forms part of the behaviour policy and provides supplementary guidance to take account of the special arrangements required due to the pandemic. The following alterations will be made to the current policy until schools are fully operational.

**As we welcome a full return to education with the remaining risk of COVID 19**, there are a number of important behaviour principles remain the same:

- At Bearwood Primary and Nursery school we believe that at the heart of effective teaching and learning is the quality of the relationship between the pupils and their teacher.
- As a school we will continue to have high behaviour expectations for all pupils.
- Staff to approach pupils behaviour within the context of Covid 19 – understanding that pupils returning to school will have had different experiences at home and that pupils will respond to change in different ways.
- Be conscious that current events will have impacted the mental health of children and their parents, including those who are working from home. Schools should take this into account when setting expectations of children's work.
- Staff recognise that behaviour is how pupils communicate how they are feeling and will use the Recovery Curriculum to support pupils during this time of transition.
- Staff to alert SLT of well being/mental health concerns, schools should be able to identify and support children in school, by telephone or from specialist staff and support services
- Each group to continue to use the traffic lights, use of reminders, opportunities to go back up the traffic lights when making good choices. If a pupil moves to the red light, they will lose 5 minutes of their break time – this will be taken by sitting in a time out space with the class outside.
- As part of the change in your time, the class teacher will decide on 3 activities which the children can choose between. This is to be chosen on the Monday and set up for the Friday afternoon. Pupils will still lose minutes from 'Your Time' as per the behaviour policy.
- If a pupil's behaviour is of concern then the class teacher to ring parents to discuss concerns.
- Each class bubble to write their behaviour charter which includes behaviours expected in line with the risk assessment e.g. not touching others.
- Where necessary provision has been changed to support pupils with challenging behaviour and risk assessments have been shared with the adult's working those particular pupils.
- Where pupils are not adhering to social distancing and have purposefully made the wrong choice, please use the traffic light system by going straight to red (5 minute loss of break). Please also inform a member of SLT who will immediately talk to the pupil.

- It is unacceptable for any pupil to cough or spit at or towards any other person. This will result in a child being sent home immediately as an exclusion. This will be dealt with in the context of the situation.
- In light of COVID 19, any pupil who does not consistently comply with the procedures put in place, considering restrictions on movement within school and new hygiene rules, will be placed into isolation (internal exclusion), where a member of SLT will inform the parents. The pupil will then be informed about the dangers of their actions and that any further displays of such behaviour may result in an exclusion.

#### **Protocols for minimizing pupil to pupil contact:**

- Pupils must remain within their 'class bubbles.' This requires that pupils do not socialise with each other in and out of school and follow the social distancing guidelines. There are posters around school and adults will remind pupils at regular intervals.
- Pupils will be assigned strict entry and exit points as well as a designated learning, eating and playing space. The school is well signposted with no entry and one way systems, as well as 2 metre social distance markers. It is expected that all pupils will adhere to the instructions.
- Each pupil will be required to use anti-bacterial gel to sanitize their hands.
- Pupils must inform an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus. This will be discussed with the pupils so they are aware of what this looks like.
- A rota for play times and breaks has been created which ensures that pupils are allocated a zoned area within their 'class bubbles.' Pupils must adhere to the zoned areas at all times.
- Only one male and female pupil at a time is allowed in the toilet area at one time. This will be co-ordinated through the use of radios by the adults to ensure that there is minimal contact between pupils.

#### **Hygiene procedures**

All pupils will be expected to:

- frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.
- clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing
- not touch their mouth, eyes and nose
- use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

Please refresh your knowledge of our school's Relationships and Behaviour Policy and our Mental Health Policy.

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