



COVID-19 Annex to School Behaviour Policy

Excerpt from COVID-19 Annex to School Behaviour Policy
(full version on website)

- In light of the need for students to behave safely and in line with new guidance when they return to school, this annex highlights keys areas that need taking into consideration during September reopening.
- We are determined to ensure that student and staff morale and motivation in this difficult time will be supported by calm, considerate and kind behaviour from all members of the school community.
- This annex is *in addition to* (not *instead of*) all normal expectations covered in school behaviour policy.

- Students will receive clear instructions regarding changes to procedures during this re-opening period and will be required to follow all guidance and instructions respectfully and responsibly.
- Students (and their parents/carers) are expected to follow government guidelines on getting to and from school safely.
- Handwashing and sanitising of hands will become a very regular part of the school day and will be encouraged at every opportunity. Students will be encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' regarding sneezing, coughing and the tissues and disposal of them. Touching of the mouth, nose and eyes should be avoided as much as possible.
- All students will have their own equipment i.e. pencils, pens etc. There will be no sharing of equipment.
- Breaks will be slightly staggered and students will only be permitted to use designated areas of the school. This will be made clear to them and they should not move to other areas of the school under any circumstances.
- Students must walk directly to the classroom they have been assigned following the one way system. To reduce contamination students must enter ONLY their assigned classrooms for the day OR their year bases. Students will be expected to sit in their seat as per the seating plan from the classroom teacher. Students must follow instructions during lessons.
- Failure to follow instructions in line with government guidance will result in a student being issued a consequence which will range from a verbal reminder to a fixed term exclusion depending on the seriousness of the incident and the extent to which the behaviour is repeated.
- Deliberate coughing, spitting or any other behaviour which endangers the health and safety of other students or staff will be grounds for fixed term exclusion. The usual processes will apply.
- All staff will be given clear guidance on how to deal with students who are posing a health and safety risk. Senior staff will be available to support in these matters.

Note that behaviours, particularly if they are repeated, which may result in a fixed term exclusion include the following (the list is not exhaustive):

- refusing to sanitise or wash hands
- failure to follow a reasonable request from a member of staff
- wearing a face covering without permission or inappropriately
- not moving directly to the allocated classroom
- deliberately making physical contact, or attempting to make physical contact, with another person or failing to keep the required distance
- deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing
- failure to follow reasonable requests from members of staff that are to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others
- not attempting to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or arm when coughing and/or sneezing