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Home School Agreement & Code of Conduct

(Addendum - Covid-19)

September 2020

Home-School Agreement

Covid-19 Amendments 2020-21

The Department for Education have announced the full opening of schools from September 1st 2020, following part closures for the Covid-19 pandemic.

This addition to our Home-School Agreement details adaptations that are necessary for the safe return of our pupils and staff from September 1st 2020.

Pupils who attend school from this date will be expected to abide by all rules listed here, as well as our full behaviour policy and protocols.

- Pupils must only use the entrance they have been assigned to enter and leave the school building.
- Pupils must wash or sanitise their hands on entering the school building and every time when directed by staff.
- Pupils must walk directly to the classroom they have been assigned. Pupils are not permitted to move around the building freely or open any closed door.
- Pupils will remain in their year group bubbles for most of the day and often for the full duration of the day.
- Pupils must walk directly to their assigned desk in their assigned classroom. Pupils must only sit at their assigned desk.
- Pupils must avoid unnecessary contact with all other pupils during the school day.
- Pupils must meet all our expectations.
- Pupils must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing.
- Pupils must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm.
- Due to the movement of teachers, rather than pupils, between classrooms, there will be short periods of time where pupils may be unaccompanied. Pupils must continue to act responsibly and meet the expectations that have been detailed and explained to them during these times.
- Pupils must follow all directions of staff regarding movement around the school and areas that will be out-of-bounds due to safety restrictions.

The actions we may take if a pupil misbehaves during this time

Any pupil who cannot cooperate with our expectations will, in line with our school Behaviour Policy and protocols, receive a red stamp and spend time out of their lesson, working with their Pastoral Manager. They will also need to attend their detention, at the end of the same day, held within their year group bubble. Parents and carers will be alerted to this through our Class Charts stamp system.

Any pupil who displays behaviours that demonstrate they are not willing to cooperate with us in maintaining a safe environment will be deemed to have committed a serious breach of the school's behaviour policy and therefore an additional sanction, detailed in the school's behaviour policy may be applied.

The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour (additional to those listed in the school Behaviour Policy) specific to the context of the current pandemic, though the list is not exhaustive:

- refusing to sanitise hands
- not following school guidelines on face coverings
- not moving directly to the allocated classroom
- deliberately ignoring staff instructions around safety and hygiene
- deliberately ignoring school rules around breaktimes and lunchtimes
- deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing
- not attempting to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or arm when coughing and/or sneezing

Behaviour outside the school during this time

- Pupils must not congregate in groups with others before or after school
- Pupils must leave the school site when directed and once through the gate make their way directly to their home, observing social distancing guidelines.
- Failure to follow these instructions outside of school during this time may result in a sanction being issued, as detailed in the school's behaviour policy.

Noted and approved on behalf of The Governing Body

Audit Committee
Monday 24 August 2020

The last few months have given us all a chance to reflect on what's really important in our lives and to be grateful for all we have. Now is the time to be your very best and make the most of every second of your education. It is the time to show gratitude and kindness to everyone around you, and to show resilience and perseverance as we move forward together. Welcome back.

Code of Conduct: Additions that relate to the Covid-19 pandemic

- The current global pandemic has impacted on everyone
- It is the right time for all pupils to return to education in school
- Your time in school must look and feel different to before, because of the very serious nature of the pandemic
- Our expectations of you remain as high as ever
- But there are now extra rules you must always abide by for the health and safety of everyone in our school community, and their families
- We expect every one of you to follow our rules showing kindness, gratitude and resilience

Our Rules:

Remain the same for behaviour, learning, uniform, attendance and punctuality

In addition, all pupils must:

- Tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Arrive on time and use the right entrances, exits, routes and stairs for your year group
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds or sanitize whenever you come into the building, before eating and after you have been to the toilet
- Stay in your bubbles in school; don't socialise with pupils from other year group bubbles
- If you cough or sneeze, 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' to keep others safe
- If using a face covering please follow rules around the safe way of wearing, storing or disposing of it
- If you need anything put your hand up; don't get up from your desk in lessons or at lunch
- Ensure that you never cough or spit at or towards another person
- Follow our expectations about breaktime and lunchtime, including sitting at and remaining at your designated desk
- Put your hand up if you need to use the toilet; wash your hands
- If you are learning from home, use IT safely and responsibly, in line with our policy
- Be kind to others and take personal responsibility for all that you do

I understand that there will be rewards for following our Code of Conduct rules, and consequences if I break them.

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Sit up

Listen

Ask and answer questions

Nod

Track the learning