

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/clean 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 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 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 for other year groups.

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 considered.

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
- Wearing a face covering once in the school building
- 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, as detailed in the school's behaviour policy, being issued.

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