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Update to school behaviour policy for the period of COVID 19 closure and reopening period.

This update will remain in place until COVID 19 is no longer seen as a threat by the Government. It will be subject to review and potential amendments if and when government DfE guidance changes.

This update has been drafted following review of, and is informed by the latest Government guidance for the full opening of schools (Updated 7-9-20)

This update to the behaviour policy reflects the advice and guidance in the above document to ensure that during the period in which schools are opening more widely to children, we keep our children and staff as safe as possible.

Children will need to follow the additional rules below during this period, as far as is reasonably possible:

- Children will follow altered routines for arrival and departure to school and during the day.
- Children will follow instructions and routines for hygiene, handwashing when asked by the teacher, sanitising on entry to the school.
- Children will only mix with the group in their designated bubble.
- Children will follow instructions on where they should go in school and endeavour not to go out of the permitted areas.
- Children will walk around school in orderly lines respecting social distancing as per the school and bubble leader's expectations.
- Children will follow clearly set out expectations for sneezing, coughing, use of tissues and their disposal.
- Children will tell an adult if they think they may have symptoms of the COVID 19.
- Children will abide by the rules for sharing equipment.
- Children will follow new guidance for break times including playing only in the area designated.
- Children will use the toilets allocated to their bubble, and only with the knowledge and agreement of the teacher.
- Children will not cough in anyone's face or towards anyone.
- Children are not to spit.
- Children will show respect for and follow instructions of their bubble leader at all times.

Children showing these behaviours will be praised in line with the normal behaviour system of the school or any additional ones put in place by the bubble leader to recognise their efforts.

If a child deliberately shows disrespect for another person's health and safety during this time by breaking any of these rules, they are putting others at risk.

Any child who commits a serious, or persistent breach(es) of the new COVID-19 protection rules may be sanctioned using the full range of sanctions available, dependent on the seriousness of the breach, up to and including in permanent exclusion, where such action would be in accordance with the Academy's general and legal powers to exclude children.

The Academy does not anticipate having to use such powers during this time however it does need to ensure the health and safety of its staff and children as far as possible.

Children who are deemed to put others at risk, following a risk assessment, will be subject to risk mitigation control regarding their on-site attendance. Online education continues to be available to all children at this point.

We appreciate that some pupils will find these rules difficult due to their needs and a risk assessment will consider if they, their peers and adults working in the school can be kept safe at this time.

Due to these exceptional circumstances, and the need to ensure a safe environment for students and staff, there may be behaviour issues which warrant immediate sanctions due to the immediate threat to the health of children, adults in the school and their families.