

Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum

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At Oxenhope C of E Primary School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, E-Safety Policy and Peer-on-Peer Abuse Policy. These adjustments are set out below:

Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.

Children will enter school through their designated entrance at the agreed time. Children will enter with their parent/carer and will go straight to their designated bubble. There will be markers on the floors to support children and parents with social distancing. At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent has come to collect them, again keeping their distance using the markers on the floors as a guide.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their bubble classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will follow the markers on the floor. Children will follow an adult from their pod on their designated route.

Children will be expected to tell a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting signs of Coronavirus.

In KS2, children must have a responsibility for their own equipment e.g. water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.

Hand washing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow all hand washing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands /use antibacterial gel before entering school, after returning from the outside, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

We ask children to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it, mantra when in school, if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used as per the behaviour policy.

Social Distancing

Children who are old enough will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field at all times.

When children enter their designated area, after washing their hands, they will be expected to go straight to their table and nowhere else in the room. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support, they will not get out of their seats.

Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used.

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible.

Toilets

Each group will be allocated toilets to use. These will be sign posted by the adults. Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one/two at a time (this may not always be possible with some children). When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands properly following the handwashing guidelines.

Break and Lunch times

All break times, lunch times and outdoor learning will be staggered throughout the day. Children will have a designated place to play during break and lunch times.

They will have their own equipment that will be cleaned after use.

Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Lunch will be eaten in their designated indoor area or outdoor area. Children will eat at their table or in their own space. They will not get out of their seats. Children will have packed lunches or a packed school lunch which will be brought to them in their designated area.

Equipment/Resources

Children must not share any equipment or other items. If any child deliberately touches or tampers with another child's equipment or belongings

Rewards

The house point system will continue to be in used during Covid-19.

Other reward systems will be in place to support children – Star of the week, presentation star and citizen award.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. Above all praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible.

Our in school behaviour plan

The traffic light or cloud behaviour chart will be a visual reminder to children to follow the behaviour policy.

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their designated areas or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people. The headteacher will become involved and parents will be contacted – this could result in exclusion.

Positive Handling & Restraint

There can be times when a pupil's behaviour requires staff physical support to ensure the pupils' own safety, the safety of other pupils and staff, or that property is not seriously damaged. This can require the use of physical interventions.

At Oxenhope C of E Primary School, we are trained to use Team Teach as a physical intervention if deemed necessary. In the COVID-19 situation Team Teach will be avoided at all costs. In the event that all other support techniques do not work and the child is at immediate danger to themselves or others, Team Teach may have to be used as an immediate safety precaution.

Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE where appropriate WILL be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread. However this will be deemed to be a serious breach of the COVID-19 Behaviour Policy Addendum and the pupil may no longer be able to attend onsite education until it is proven that it is safe for the child to attend.

This breach could also lead to a fixed term or permanent exclusion. In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the child's parents or carers will be called and asked to pick up their child immediately.

The situation will then be reviewed by the Head teacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn in favour of the online/virtual offer if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff.

Pupil's working from home.

All work will be accessed remotely through the school website and emailed to teachers through their school email.

Any inappropriate comments to staff online, via email, or any other platform will be taken very seriously and could result in a referral to the police. This is also the case for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school at any time.

The school, parents and children must sign an updated COVID-19 Home, School Agreement in line with this Addendum