

Covid-19: Addendum to the school behaviour policy. September 2020

- All Students must follow the routines for arrival or departure.

All students will arrive using the correct entrance for their allocated year group. They will go to their year POD using the agreed route. If travelling on public transport they should endeavour to maintain appropriate social distancing and wear a mandatory face covering.

- Following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising.

Students should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the school day. This should always be done before and after eating, before entering a new room and after using the toilet. Students are encouraged to use sanitizer during the school day as well. Students should avoid touching their face and ensure that they maintain social distancing at all times

- Following instructions on who pupils can socialise with at school.

All students must be where they are asked at all times for the safety of all staff and pupils. Breaks and toilet breaks will be in a specified area for each year POD to avoid overcrowding and unnecessary social contact – these must be adhered to.

- Moving around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out-of-bounds areas, queuing).

All students should remain in their year POD the majority of the time. When they are moving to specialist room areas this must only be done if accompanied by a member of staff, when doing this students and staff should follow the signage and instructions around school

- Pupils should not be in school if they are unwell particularly with the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of taste/smell)

Any pupil reporting or exhibiting symptoms will be placed in isolation and arrangements made to send them home.

Good hygiene is essential at all times but particularly if a student has symptoms. If this is the case any cough or sneeze should be treated in line with the "catch it, bin it, kill it" message

This means any sneezing and coughing should be caught in a tissues and that tissue immediately disposed of, hands should then be washed or sanitised.

- Pupils telling an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.

On reporting the system detailed above will be actioned.

- Rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles.

Students should not share equipment as this can be a vehicle for the virus being passed. If this is inadvertently done hands should be washed or sanitised immediately afterwards.

- Clear rules about coughing or spitting at or towards any other person.

Any such behaviours will not be tolerated and will result in being sent home. Further action may be taken afterwards should an investigation show that it is warranted.

- Clear rules for pupils at home about conduct in relation to remote education.

While not in school pupils should still be accessing work remotely to keep up to date with learning. A regular routine will also help emotional health and well-being at this difficult time.

- Rewards and sanction systems where appropriate.

We realise that these expectations will be challenging for many students as they are so different from the norms that they are used to. Staff will spend time with pupils explaining the rules that need to be followed and why they are so important in the current climate. We know that in the vast majority of cases the students will do what is right to keep everyone safe. However, we will need to consider appropriate courses of action should the systems in place be breached. This may include, verbal reminders, isolation from the group they are working in and in some cases pupils may need to be asked to return home.