



Covid-19 Addendum to School Behaviour Policy

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Higher Openshaw Community School would like to warmly welcome the return of pupils and parents to our school. During this period, the government have requested that schools devise a temporary set of principles/behaviour expectations for pupils, parents and staff to adhere to.

By sending your pupil back to school you are agreeing to the terms of this temporary behaviour policy and understand that sending your child to school is not compulsory and acknowledge that failure to follow these rules will result in a swap back to a home learning offer.

The purpose of this is to make our school environment as safe as possible for all for us. Please follow these temporary procedures as set out below. Thank you.

Pupil Behaviour Principles

In light of the need for children to behave differently when they return to school, and the new systems we have put in place to support that, we ask that you follow the changes to our behaviour policy.

- follow the routines for arrival or departure (staggered times may change on a weekly basis as more pupils return to school)
- follow the school instructions on hygiene, such as regular handwashing and hand sanitising when requested
- Children to sanitise hands when entering and leaving school premises at the handwash stations provided.
- follow instructions on who you can socialise with at school within your own group (bubble) – respect the space of others
- move around the school as per instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing 2 metres apart and use of playground zones)
- follow the sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- tell an adult immediately if you are not feeling well
- Do not to share any equipment with others
- Do not bring in any items, other than coat and lunch/snack from home
- bring in your own **drinking bottles every day** and take them home to be washed every day

- follow the maximum number at a time in the toilet rule
- never cough or spit at or towards any other person
- Any coughing / spitting on another pupil will result in pupil being sent home and not allowed to return (this includes pretending to cough or spit)
- let an adult know if you feel unwell
- pupils at home to continue to access and complete home learning
- rewards and sanction system will remain the same as previously

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk and unsafe, for example refusing to follow safety precautions or new school rules then parents/carers will be called to collect their child from school immediately. That pupil will then be swapped from onsite education offer to the home learning offer as it will be considered safer to educate them at home.

Parental Behaviour Principles

In light of the new temporary school systems – there are different expectations for parents. There is a need to respond differently in order to maintain the safety of all.

At times, the procedures may appear to be strict but we are doing this to protect your child, our staff and ultimately you the parent, in line with government guidance.

- do not come to school if you or any members of your family have coronavirus symptoms – inform school of this immediately
- follow any altered routines for arrival or departure (staggered times may change on a weekly basis as more pupils return to school)
- If allotted time for drop off is missed, it may be the case that your child is not allowed in school on that day.
- follow the social distancing rules for each other as parents and towards school staff and other pupils
- Ensure social distance from other adults whilst waiting for pupils to be admitted to school. **Do not arrive too early** as this will cause congestion
- **ONLY 1 adult** to bring/collect their children to/from school – inform school if the adult is not known to school staff
- please **do not enter the school building**
- please **do not approach staff members**
- communicate with school by telephone 0161 223 3549 or by email admin@higher-openshaw.manchester.sch.uk
- provide a drinking bottle for your child – with their name on - wash and return it daily
- support/read with your child with the new expectations for you and them
- reinforce social distancing rules with your child
- Parents / carers will have to collect their child if they are not adhering to NO TOUCHING or other social distancing rules.
- clear rules for pupils at home about conduct in relation to home learning

- provide a healthy snack for your child for break – there is not government fruit scheme currently running – your child may get hungry in the morning. The snack must be in disposable packaging
- wash and change clothing daily (pupils DO NOT need to wear school uniform, it is optional)
- rewards and sanction systems remain the same as before
- support school with these new temporary procedures

Principles for staff

- do not come to work if you have coronavirus symptoms, or go home as soon as these develop (informing your manager), and access a test as soon as possible.
- clean your hands more often than usual - with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
- clean frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as antibacterial wipes, detergents and permissible cleaning solutions as provided by school.
- Ensure that you are available to pick up pupils in your bubble when they arrive at school so that congestion of pupils is avoided.
- Ensure that your pupils are ready to be picked up at their allotted time to avoid parents waiting and causing congestion.
- modify your teaching approach to keep a distance from children in your care as much as possible, particularly close face to face support (noting that it's understood that this is not possible at all times, which is why hygiene and hand cleaning is so important)
- consider avoiding calling pupils to the front of the class or going to their desk to check on their work if not necessary.
- help your pupils to follow the rules on hand cleaning, not touching their faces, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' etc. including by updating your classrooms displays with posters.
- prevent and educate your pupils about sharing equipment and resources (like stationery).
- keep your classroom door and windows open if possible for air flow.
- limit the number of children from your room using the toilet at any one time – using the new school system
- limit your contact with other staff members, and do not congregate in shared spaces, especially if they are small rooms (such as reprographics room or staff room)
- Contact with the office should be by telephone where at all possible