



Covid-19 Behaviour Policy Addendum

At Markeaton 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 set out in our current Behaviour Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of 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.

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These adjustments are set out below:

Arrivals, Departures and Moving around the school

Children will enter the school through their designated entrance at the agreed time. Children will need to be punctual to avoid bubbles crossing. Children will be expected to make their way to the designated line for their bubble.

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent/carer arrives to collect them.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their bubble to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will be escorted by an adult to ensure social distancing from children in other bubbles.

When moving around school, children are expected to walk sensibly at all times and maintain social distancing from children in other bubbles.

* Any social distancing in school will reflect relevant government guidelines at any one time. Staff, parents/carers and children will be made aware of any changes to social distancing guidelines in school and be expected to follow them.

Children will be expected to inform a member of staff if they are feeling unwell by raising their hand although we do understand that this is largely dependent on the age of the child and the needs of individual children.

Children must take a responsibility for any equipment that they are able to bring into school e.g. water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.

Hand washing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash their hands before entering school, after returning from outside, before and after eating and at regular intervals throughout the day. Staff will ensure that children are reminded regularly of how to wash their hands properly and posters will be visible around school and in the toilets to support children in washing their hands effectively.

Children will be required to follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' mantra when in school and if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will also be encouraged and reminded to touch their face, nose and eyes as little as possible while at school.

Toilets

Each class will only permit one child at a time to use the toilet where possible. Children must not congregate within the toilets themselves but should wait outside in the designated area if a toilet is not yet available. Again children should maintain social distancing with children in another bubble. After using the toilet, children should ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly. There will be reminders in the toilets of how children should wash their hands.

Break Times

Each bubble will be given a designated area to play in at a designated time to reduce contact with children from other bubbles. Children will be expected to remain socially distant from children and adults outside their bubbles. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Rewards

The current reward system in school will continue to be used however the Gold Book Assembly at the end of the week will have to be undertaken within class bubbles to reduce contact with children from other bubbles. The Head Teachers tea party will still take place but measures will be taken so that it reflects current guidance on maintaining bubbles.

Sanctions

Our existing behaviour policy remains in place. Reflection will still take place but measures will be taken so that it reflects current guidance on maintaining bubbles.

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If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to the Covid-19 safety measures put in place, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in bubbles or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing on people then the gradual response outlined in Appendix Two of our existing behaviour policy, will be applied.

School acknowledges that each child will have had differing experiences of the lockdown period which may impact upon their behaviour presentation upon return to school. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community may require some additional support and encouragement.

School recognises that changes in behaviour may be a sign that for some children there is an underlying need or concern and that the behaviour is communicating that they need additional support and understanding. The school will work closely with individual children and use reasonable endeavours to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus triggering a challenging response.

Remote Learning

When interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other.

Parents/Carers and Pupils are encouraged to revisit the school's existing policies:

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- E-Safety Policy
- Peer-on-Peer abuse Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy

Any incidents of online bullying or peer-on-peer abuse should be disclosed to school so that relevant action can be taken.