

Amendment to the Behaviour Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Following schools being closed to the majority of pupils, the Department for Education have announced a phased-re-opening of Primary Schools. Initially Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

1.2 This appendix to the Quarry Bank Behaviour Policy details adaptations made during the school recovery period, rather than providing the typical school day experienced up to April 2020.

1.3 To make it easy to read, this appendix talks about *teachers*. But when we use the word *teachers* we also mean *other staff with responsibility for pupils*.

1.4 This policy appendix is guided by the Department for Education Guidance released throughout May 2020 regarding the re-opening of schools and other education establishments.

1.5 This policy appendix is specifically intended to:

- ensure the safety of every member of staff and pupil during this time
- encourage young people to take responsibility for their behaviour during this time
- tackle incidents/instances of poor behaviour effectively and fairly during this time
- allow teachers to feel safe and supported during this time
- foster an environment where all members of the school community respect and adhere to the social distancing guidance during this time

1.9 The information in this policy will be communicated to staff, parents and children before phased reopening begins.

2. What we expect pupils to do during this time

2.1 Pupils must enter the building as instructed.

2.2 Pupils must wash their hands on entering the school building.

2.3 Pupils are not permitted to move around the building freely or open any closed door.

2.4 Pupils must only sit at their assigned desk. Pupils must not touch any desk assigned to another pupil or any equipment on a desk assigned to another pupil.

2.5 Pupils must not attempt to make physical contact with any person.

2.6 Pupils must try to distance themselves when possible.

2.7 Pupils must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing.

2.8 Pupils must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm.

3. The actions we may take when a pupil misbehaves during this time

3.1 Any pupil that cannot cooperate with our expectations will be directed to return home and will continue with home-learning until further notice. This period will be for at least 5 school days, but will last until the Headteacher decides they can return to the school building.

3.2 The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour specific to the context of the phased return, though the list is not exhaustive:

- refusing to sanitise hands
- deliberately making contact, or attempting to make contact, with another person
- deliberately (with the intention to upset) moving within 2 meters, or attempting to move within 2 meters, of another person
- deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing
- any incident where they are likely to share bodily fluid i.e. biting and spitting.

4. Behaviour outside the school during this time

4.1 Pupils must not congregate in groups with others beyond their household before or after school.

4.2 Pupils must leave the school site when directed and once through the gate make their way directly to their home (specific to Year 6).

4.3 Where a pupil shares information that they have not been socially distancing outside of schools, after speaking to parents, school reserves the right to instruct the pupil to continue with home-learning rather than attending school. This is to protect all members of the school community.