

Behaviour policy: Coronavirus addendum

Crakehall Primary School



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1. Scope

This addendum applies until further notice.

It sets out changes and exceptions to our normal behaviour policy. Pupils, parents and staff should continue to follow our normal behaviour policy with respect to anything not covered in this addendum.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and pupils.

2. Expectations for pupils in school

2.1 New Covid-19 related rules

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and make sure they are followed consistently.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure that their children follow the new procedures that have been put in place. Parents should contact Mrs Marino if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them to integrate back into school life.

Behaviour in school

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 bubble or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people. The following sanctions and disciplinary procedures could be used:

- Conversation(s) with pupil(s) which will include a verbal warning
- Moving seats (if logistically possible) and other behaviour management strategies in line with our current behaviour policy.
- Once all appropriate behaviour management strategies have been exhausted and the member of staff feels that the pupil(s) behaviour is still a concern, contact should be made with pupil's parent/carer.
- If the health and safety of other pupils and staff members are put at risk by the pupils not adhering to social distancing measures, then the parent/carer will be expected to collect the pupil and a fixed term exclusion will be applied in line with Exclusion guidance.
- Any child spitting or coughing towards another child/adult will be given a warning and removed from others until the staff member feels it is safe for the child to be reintegrated. Parents will be informed. If this is repeated or if a child poses a risk to others then a fixed term exclusion may apply.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

Our school acknowledges that children will have had a range of different experiences during the lockdown period which may have an impact on their behaviour presentation upon return to school. Some may present with frustration as a result of being isolated from friends or having missed a significant event or experience, e.g. exams, school trip, etc. Others may have experienced bereavement or loss or another, real or perceived, traumatic episode. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, under unusual circumstances, may require some additional input and encouragement.

As a result of these varied experiences children may present with behaviour that is not usual, this may include;

- Anxiety; lack of confidence
- Challenging behaviour; fight or flight response
- Anger; shouting, crying
- Hyperactivity and difficulties maintaining attention

For some children, including those with attachment concerns or SEN, and especially those with autism, the change in routines and lack of familiarity will require additional adjustment.

School recognises that behaviour could be a sign that for some individual children there is an unfulfilled need and that the behaviour is communicating that there is a problem. The school will undertake an individual risk assessment for the child when/if needed and use reasonable endeavours to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus that may be triggering the challenging response.

Children with SEN are recognised as being particularly vulnerable and therefore have an urgent need to be re-integrated back into school as soon as reasonably possible. If necessary school will seek external support from other agencies such as Educational Psychologists or Early Help.

Changes to routines and hygiene

Please see our school risk assessment and added notes for detailed information with regards to:

- Altered routines for arriving or leaving the school
- Hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- Who pupils can socialise with at school, including at lunch and break times
- How and when children will be moving around the school
- Sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Telling an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Breaks or play times
- Use of toilets

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

To help encourage pupils to follow the above rules, we will continue to use our House Point system, with extra points given for sticking to the rules, good listening, hygiene and respecting others.

However, if pupils fail to follow these rules, staff will:

- Give a verbal warning
- Move the pupil(s) to an isolated area
- Move the pupil(s) down the traffic lights
- Remove a break time
- Give pupil(s) a penalty removing them from the end of day/week treat
- Contact parents
- Put in place an internal or external exclusion

2.3 Changed rules

Until further notice, we will be following these school rules:

➤ **Expectations for attendance** – attendance will be mandatory from September. We will be reverting to our normal attendance expectations. Please read our attendance policy on our school website for further information.

Expectations for uniform – We encourage children to wear school uniform when returning to school, however, we are aware that not everyone may have this ready for September due to orders being backdated. As a school we have agreed to be flexible with school uniform until October 2020. From October 2020, all pupils must wear uniform to school and follow normal school rules. If pupils cannot wear their full uniform after this date, parents should contact Mrs Fryatt in the office for further discussion.

3. Monitoring arrangements

We will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and as a minimum every 4 weeks by Sam Marino. Every review will be approved by the full governing board.