



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC) Primary Schools Federation

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Covid 19 – Addendum to Behaviour Policy

Active from Monday 1st June, 2020 until further notice.

This addendum has been produced in the light of the advice received from the DFE. (25th May 2020)

It states:

'In light of the need for children to behave differently when they return to school, and any new systems you have put in place to support that, you'll need to make changes to your behaviour policy. Behaviour policy changes will also need to be communicated with pupils, parents and staff.'

Underpinning this addendum are the Federations' Christian values of friendship, respect, responsibility and perseverance.

Arrival at School:

Children should only be accompanied by one adult and all individuals must respect the need for social distancing at all times.

School Entrances:

Children at both sites have been asked to enter the school via the main gate and will be shown the route to their classroom.

The children will be released into parent's care, at the designated times, via the main gate.

What not to bring:

Children are not expected to bring their book bag with them from home, pencil cases or toys. School will provide the children with all the equipment that they may need. Where possible, the children will be asked not to share this equipment with other children to prevent possible transmission.

Following Instructions on Hygiene:

Children will be expected to wash their hands frequently using soap and water. This is the most effective way to ensure that the virus does not spread.

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The use of the toilets will be clearly explained to the children so that they are able to follow the appropriate instructions regarding the number of children accessing the toilets at any one time.

If a child should refuse to wash their hands, the following procedure will apply. A child will be given an initial verbal reminder and time to follow the instruction. If they fail to do as they are asked, they will be referred to the Headteacher or senior teacher. A parent may be telephoned and asked to collect their children from school if a child repeatedly refuses to wash their hands when asked as this presents a danger to staff and other children.

Following instructions on socialising:

Children will only be allowed to associate with children in their discrete group or bubble. Desks in all classrooms have been placed at distances from each other to ensure that there is social distancing and it can be adhered to, where possible, in the classroom.

At all times, when moving around the building, children will be expected to try to maintain the recommended social distance.

Playtimes

It is extremely important for their health and wellbeing that all children have regular outdoor play times. The Federation recognises how extremely important this is for our children but also understands the challenges faced during playtimes because of social distancing.

Each Hub will be given a specific playtime and lunchtime slot when they can use outside space. Whilst not expecting children to stay within a specific location, it is expected that children will try to respect social distancing. Adults will be on duty to help remind the children of the need to play sensibly and not get too close. Children are expected to listen and act upon the advice.

Each Hub will have its own outdoor play equipment to use to limit the risk of infection transferring. Children will always be expected to respect the equipment.

If they choose not to listen to the adult, normal behaviour warnings and sanctions will apply. If a child repeatedly refuses to listen to the adults on duty and flouts the social distancing rules regardless, they will be asked to come from the playground and to sit out and reflect upon their behaviour. Further restrictions to playtime for specific children may occur if the staff feel that they are placing other children and staff at risk. These sanctions will always be communicated with parents via email/or telephone.

Expectations on Coughing and Sneezing:

Each classroom space has been provided with a lidded pedal bin. This bin is solely for the use of tissues. Children will be requested to place any tissue that has been sneezed or

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coughed on into this bin. The Catch It, Bin It, Kill It approach will be used. Children will be reminded that they should not touch their faces unduly with their hands.

Children telling staff if they feel unwell:

If a child feels unwell with any of the symptoms of corona virus, including coughing, headaches, sore throat, feel hot, loss of smell or taste they are asked to tell their teacher immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.

Unacceptable behaviour:

Coughing, sneezing or spitting deliberately in the personal space of another person:

We understand that the youngest children in the school (EYFS) may not understand or be aware of personal space. However, the majority of children understand that spitting, sneezing or coughing without covering your mouth is something which is generally unacceptable and in this particular circumstance could be actively dangerous. We will remind the children of our explicit expectations in this area.

Should a child deliberately engage in the above behaviour, after the class teacher has briefed the children on the appropriate behaviour, a simple three step plan will be followed:

- 1, A reminder will be given about the appropriate behaviour expected.
- 2, If the behaviour is repeated the parent will be informed and asked to communicate directly with their child. The parent may be asked to collect their child immediately if the behaviour is repeated.
- 3, If the behaviour continues and is judged to be malicious in intent the invitation to attend school will be reconsidered, and a **fixed term exclusion may be issued**. We will of course look at the merits of each situation but this sanction is in place if required. However, if we deem the situation merits a fixed term exclusion this will happen.

We will always ensure that we make reasonable adjustments that need to be made for pupils who are on our SEND register. However, no child will be allowed to endanger another unduly.

Staff are encouraged to regularly employ opportunities during scheduled PSHE lessons and assemblies to reinforce positive behaviour.

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