

Full Opening

Aim

We recognise as a school that returning after such a long time at home presents a unique and challenging set of circumstances for our students. The aim of this update is to ensure that everyone knows and understands the ways in which we must change our behaviour to keep everyone safe from the risk of infection.

Therefore, we have made some additions and amendments to our school behaviour policy and procedure guidelines for students to follow. These have been made to ensure the safety of students and staff and full compliance is expected.

Our approach

The main aim of this guidance is to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. Our first priority is to teach safe behaviour, and to differentiate between inadvertent or forgetful unsafe behaviour and deliberate unsafe behaviour. Where a student behaves in a deliberately unsafe way (*see below*) the school will take this very seriously. If senior leaders believe it is necessary, a personal risk assessment plan may be drawn up/reviewed with the student and family. The school continues to have a range of disciplinary powers, including fixed term and permanent exclusion, which will be used if it is deemed necessary for the safety of staff and students. This is set out in government guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Non-Negotiable Expectations:

1. Social Distancing

We will follow the government guidance on Social Distancing. Students should maintain social distancing wherever possible and remain in their year group pods at all times. The only exception being when using school transport where good respiratory hygiene should be practised, 'catch it, bin it, kill it,' and with students wearing face coverings. There should be no physical contact between students, such as 'hugging'. Students must not touch any other students' clothing or equipment. In classrooms students must follow instructions from staff at all times this is especially important with regards seating instructions, equipment and entering and leaving classrooms.

Behaviour that wilfully undermines the safety measures that the school has put in place or risks the safety of students or staff will not be tolerated. If incidents occur then they will be treated as high-level behavioural incidents. Knowing our students well, we do not expect to deal with serious breaches of these non-negotiable expectations. However, given the seriousness of Covid19, we feel it is important to outline some examples of unacceptable behaviour.

Examples might include:

- deliberately ignoring the social distancing measures put in place by the school such as leaving the pod area;
- damaging any hygiene resources e.g. soap dispensers/hand sanitizers, toilets;
- spitting anywhere in the school environment, at another student, member of staff;
- chewing gum and the placing of gum anywhere in the school environment;

- deliberately coughing/threatening to cough at a student or member of staff;
- behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to students and staff about the current situation;

2. Equipment

It is crucial that students come to school fully equipped and ready to learn. As it is no longer practical to ask to borrow equipment from friends or members of staff if an item is forgotten, the importance of following our existing equipment expectations are important now more than ever. Students must bring to school two pens, two pencils and a sharpener, a green pen, a ruler, an eraser and a calculator. We would also ask students to bring tissues to school so they can cover their mouth if they cough or sneeze. If students have hand sanitizer they will be allowed to apply it at regular intervals. Hand sanitizers, will be placed at key points in the school. Teaching and support staff will give direction at specific times during the day for students to wash their hands.

3. Uniform

From September and in line with government guidance, we expect all students to return to school wearing full school uniform, without exception.

4. Mobile Phones

The rules on mobile phones remain unchanged; in short they should be switched off and in bags on the school site or within the school building, unless directed otherwise by a member of staff.

5. Entering and Leaving the School Site

Students and Parent/Carers have been given clear instructions about how students enter the school site: years 7 and 9 via the youth centre, years 8 and 10 via the IT gate and Year 11 through the main entrance. For obvious safety reasons, **students must not congregate when arriving at or leaving the school site. Entering the school site, students should use their designated entry point and head directly to their pod area.**

6. Transport

School buses will run as normal, i.e. pre-Covid provision. All students using school transport should wear a face mask during all journeys to and from school, hand sanitising will be provided for embarking and disembarking, students will fill buses from the back and empty from the front. It is not possible to separate year groups into pods on the bus routes. Behaviour expectations remain in place on the journey to and from school. Students who can't follow behaviour and hygiene expectations will not be permitted to travel on the school buses.

7. Hygiene Instructions

- Always cough, sneeze in a tissue or the inside of your elbow - **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**, then wash/sanitise your hands thoroughly.
- Move around school using markings and directions; avoid any direct contact with peers or staff. Maintain 2 metre distancing when possible, such as during outdoor social time.

- It is essential that students remain in their year group pod.
- Wash hands with soap and water (20 seconds) or with hand sanitiser, as directed.

8. Break

- Students should bring their own food and drink, school services will not be provided at break time.
- Break times are staggered to help maintain social distancing.
- Students must remain in their year group pod.
- Students cannot congregate inside buildings as lessons will still be taking place.

9. Lunch

- All students remain on site at lunch times and in their year group pod.
- Lunch times are staggered to help maintain social distancing.
- A full lunch service will be provided.
- Students can bring a packed lunch if they prefer.
- Students cannot congregate inside buildings as lessons will still be taking place.

10. Toilets

- Every year group has a designated toilet area within their pod.
- Students should not enter toilets if this compromises social distancing.

11. Fire Safety Arrangements

- In the unlikely event of a fire, the main assembly point on the school field will be used, space for social distancing is more than adequate.

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