

Whitfield St James' CE (VC) Primary School
Behaviour and Rewards Policy 2020
COVID-19 Addendum



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Aims of the Policy

*The policy is based on the principle that all members of the school community are expected to demonstrate respect for each other and their environment at all times. We aim to provide a positive atmosphere and learning experience for all pupils that will provide them with a broad educational and social foundation for life. This policy focuses specifically on the expectations of pupils within the school. **The Christian ethos of our school asks us to “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” Matthew 22 verses 34-40.***

Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain appropriate, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below:

Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.

*Children will enter school through the designated entrance (Chadwick Street). Children will enter through the school gate and go straight to their line up place or through the classroom door, where a member of staff will be waiting for them. **Parents are encouraged to ‘Drop and Go’.***

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. Children and parents will leave the school site through the Sunlaw exit, following our one-way system.

Movement around the school will be limited. Where possible, children should maintain a 2m distance from adults.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands/use antibacterial gel before entering school, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

We ask children to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it, mantra when in school. If they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

Social Distancing

Children who are old enough will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field where possible. When children enter their bubble, they will be expected to go straight to their table and nowhere else in the room. Children will put their hand up if they need an

adult's support, they will not get out of their seats. Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children EYFS/KS1, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible.

Toilets

Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time (this may not always be possible with nursery and reception children). When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands.

Break and Lunch times

Children will have a designated place to play during break and lunch times. They will have their own equipment that will be cleaned after use.

Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times (where possible). Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Lunch will be eaten in their bubbles (KS2) or in the school hall (EYFS and KS1). Children will eat at their table or in their own space. They will not get out of their seats. Children can still have packed lunch from home or a school lunch.

Rewards

*The **'Good to be Green, better to be Gold' system** will be in use during Covid-19. Children, Teachers and Teaching Assistants welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behavior. Above all, praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible. Walking through school to show their work to the Head Teacher or other adult for acknowledgement and praise during this time will not be permitted.*

Sanctions

Children will continue to use the 'Good to be Green, better to be Gold' system whereby they go to yellow as a visual warning, red or reflection. Reflection will happen within the classroom and not in another class to stop bubbles mixing.

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, e.g. 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:

1. Referral to Key Stage Leader
2. Referral to the Headteacher
3. Parents/Carers called to collect child from school immediately
4. Immediate swap from onsite education offer to online/virtual education offer
5. Fixed term exclusion
6. Permanent exclusion

Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE, where appropriate, WILL be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.

Pupil's working from home.

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful to staff, remembering at all times that that staff are not 'friends' with, or peers to, pupils.