

The Abbey School Behaviour Policy

COVID-19 Addendum

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Responsibility: Senior Teacher/ Behaviour Lead

Approved by Governors:

Review:

Context

From the 1st of June Special Schools have been asked to re-open following the COVID-19 lockdown. As such there has been an emergency review of the School behaviour policy to account for the changes in school provision and the circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 crisis.

Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools should work towards welcoming back as many children and young people as can be safely catered for in their setting.

This addendum of the Abbey School Behaviour policy contains details of our individual safeguarding arrangements in the following areas:

1. New behaviours/ routines
2. Behaviour management
3. COVID-based bullying
4. Consequences/ sanctions
5. Positive touch/ MAPA

New Behaviours/ Routines

Upon their return to school, students and staff will be inducted into new routines and behaviours required of them to reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Visuals will be placed in every classroom, including the school hall and staffroom (Appendix A).

Parents and carers will also have an opportunity to go through the expectations with their children prior to school reopening. This will form part of the information booklet sent home to parents before the partial re-opening.

Behaviour Management

Staff will follow standard guidelines for managing behaviour using a combination of rewards and corrections.

Staff will consider strategies to maintain good behaviour whilst following government guidelines around maintaining Social Distancing.

Anti-bullying

All incidents of bullying are taken very seriously in school and strict measures are in place to ensure that incidents are minimised. It is recognised that students may be subject to COVID-based bullying particularly following a period of absence or if others hear that a member of a student's family has become unwell.

Suspected or reported incidents of bullying are dealt with immediately. This may include; interviewing students, contacting parents/ carers and restorative justice measures.

Consequences and Sanctions

The Abbey will continue to maintain a culture of positive reinforcement, however, consequences and sanctions will be decided upon using a fair and consistent approach that considers the circumstances under which behaviour has occurred and any possible mitigation.

- **Social distancing** - If students continue to refuse to follow rules around social distancing and therefore risk the safety of others the Leadership team may undertake measures to ensure the safety of school stakeholders. In this case, students may be required to be isolated or remain at home.
- **Spitting/ coughing** – Purposefully spitting or coughing at others will be treated extremely seriously and investigations may result in students receiving an Internal exclusion or a Fixed-term Exclusion.
- **Refusing to wash hands** – Students will be required to wash their hands at regular interval during the day. They will be educated about the importance of handwashing and possible consequences of not complying with expectations.

Positive touch/ MAPA

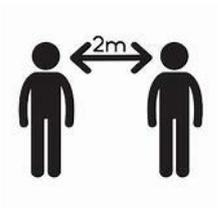
It is recognised that Positive touch can support the management of behaviour. In exceptional circumstances staff may need to use physical intervention, such as when the safety of students or staff is at risk. Whilst staff must endeavour to maintain Social Distancing protocols there may be occasion to intervene physically.

Positive touch – staff trained in the use of positive touch will refrain from doing so wherever possible in line with the Government's guidelines on Social Distancing.

MAPA – MAPA will be used as an absolute last resort and only when the safety of the individuals or other individuals is at risk. Staff undertaking a physical intervention will undertake a dynamic risk assessment based on the safety of all individuals involved, including themselves. Staff should consider the use of PPE. If the use of PPE is not practicable, staff should immediately wash their hands in line with current guidance and closely monitor their health.

Back to School after Lock down

Now that we are back in school, there are some rules that we need to follow:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash your hands for 20 seconds<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ When you get to school○ At BREAK TIME○ At LUNCHTIME○ Before you eat○ After you use the toilet	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do NOT touch anyone else.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay 2 metres away from others at all times.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When moving around school follow the arrows on the ground and line up on the crosses.	

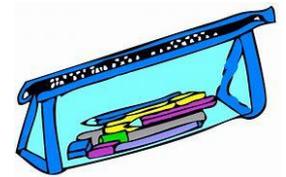
- At BREAK TIME, stay in your own play area.



- Only use the toilets that you have been told to use.



- Only use the equipment that you have been given.



- Do NOT share water bottles or cups.



- **CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.**
 - When you cough or sneeze use a tissue (or your elbow).
 - Put it in the bin.
 - Wash your hands.



- Try not to touch your face with your hands.



- Coughing or spitting at other people will be treated very seriously.

DO NOT cough or spit at others!

