

Behaviour Policy Guidelines 09/20 Covid-19

At Loatlands Primary School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain pertinent. 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

Parents will hand over children to a member of staff at the designated place and pupils will enter school through their designated entrance. Unnecessary belongings from home will not be permitted. Use of face masks will be kept under continual review. At the current time we do not allow face masks in school

Children will enter individually and will go straight to their designated classroom, keeping socially distanced from any other individual. All hands will be either washed or sanitised on entry.

At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit and be handed over to their parent or asked to leave the school premises, if permitted to go home alone, whilst maintaining social distancing at all times.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will stay apart from peers and adults. Children will follow an adult from their classroom on their designated route.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands / use antibacterial gel on entering school, before and after eating, after going to the toilet 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 and wash their hands afterwards. 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 in line with our Behaviour Policy.

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 at all times. Classrooms will be arranged so that pupils are not facing one another. When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to go straight to their seat and nowhere else in the room. All belongings should not be touched by other pupils. 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 in line with the schools Behaviour Policy.

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible. They will work in their defined year groups and socially distance from pupils in other bubbles. Should a child refuse to do so disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Toilets

Each year group will have designated toilets to use, these may be shared with other year groups; this will be communicated to the pupils. Toilets will be monitored by an adult and children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time. When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly. When waiting for the toilet they must stand in the designated area and do their best to observe social distancing.

Break and Lunch times

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

Older children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Younger children will be expected to play within their year group. All children must stay in their designated area at all times.

Lunch will be eaten in designated rooms. Children will eat in their own space and not touch each others food. They will not get out of their seats. Children will have packed lunches or a school lunch, which will be brought to them in their classroom.

Rewards

The school reward system will be used as normal. Achievements Assembly will take place on a Friday morning via Microsoft Teams and all classes will participate.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. 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.

Warnings and Sanctions

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

1. Referral to senior member of staff
2. Parents / Carers called to collect child from school immediately

Positive Handling & Restraint

There can be times when a pupil's behaviour requires staff physical support to ensure the pupils' own safety, the safety of other pupils and staff, or that property is not seriously damaged. This can require the use of physical interventions. At Loatlands Primary School we use Team Teach to do this.

In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the situation will be taken very seriously, actions will be reviewed by a member of the SLT and the appropriate sanctions will be put in place in line with the Behaviour Policy.

Where a child may need very close contact the use of PPE where appropriate is likely to be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.

During remote learning

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.

Students should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any inappropriate comments to staff online, via email, or any other platform will be taken very seriously; parents will be informed and this could result in a referral to the police depending on the age of the child. This is also the case of for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school during this time.