

# **The Spire Federation**

## **Behaviour Policy COVID19 principles**

In light of the need for children to behave differently when they return to school, and any new systems we have put in place to support that, we have made some changes to our behaviour policy. Behaviour policy changes will be communicated to pupils, parents and staff.

In line with social distancing, some new behaviours will need to be adhered to by all who are attending school during this pandemic. Information concerning the behaviour changes will be shared with pupils and families before returning to school in order to support this transition. The children (and their parents) in each bubble will be informed of staffing prior to their return.

We recognise that pupil's mental health may have been effected by the pandemic and we will aim to support their mental well-being. During the summer term, activities and lessons in the afternoon each day will support PSHE and mental well-being.

In order to minimise risks we will follow the government's guidance and introduce the following rules.

### **All pupils in school will:**

- follow any altered routines for arrival or departure so that social distancing can be adhered to.
- follow school instructions on hygiene, such as regular handwashing and sanitising.
- follow instructions on who pupils can socialise with at school within their 'bubble'. Teams of adults will work with bubbles so that we manage potential contagion.
- move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing). Pupils will be taught what these will look like when they are back in school.
- follow expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus (temperature, rash, loss of smell or taste, persistently dry cough, lethargy).
- follow rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles
- follow amended expectations about breaks or play times, including where children may or may not play.
- only use designated toilets and maintain social distancing.

- follow clear rules about coughing or spitting at or towards any other person (this behaviour will be treated with the upmost severity and may result in a fixed term exclusion)
- follow clear rules about keeping 'hands and feet' to themselves

All pupils conducting their learning at home will:

- follow safer internet rules
- complete work following a timetable that is right for their family
- tell a trusted adult or contact school if they have any worries
- regularly wash their hands/use sanitiser
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- tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus (temperature, rash, loss of smell or taste, persistently dry cough, lethargy).

The SENDCO will identify any reasonable adjustments that need to be made for students with more challenging behaviour and EHCPs. For these pupils, a personalised behaviour plan will be put in place.

We expect all pupils to follow our school rules and respect all adults equally.

### **Behaviour Policy Adjustments COVID 19**

The behaviour policy will be adjusted as it will no longer be appropriate to issue pupils with merits, certificates and respect tokens at this time. Small prizes and stickers will no longer awarded to pupils. All of this is to reduce the risk of infection.

Teaching staff will use lots of verbal praise to support pupils. Each bubble will have a 'weekly superstar', where parents receive email notification.

Pupils will no longer spend time reflecting with SLT and will stay within their bubble at all times. Where necessary, parents will be contacted and fixed term exclusions may be used.

SLT will make amendments to the policy in response to changing practices.