

Update to school behaviour policy for the period of COVID 19 closure and reopening period. This update will remain in place until COVID 19 is no longer seen as a threat by the Government. It will be subject to review and potential amendments if and when government DfE guidance changes. This update has been drafted following review of, and is informed by the following Government publications:

Planning guide for primary schools (DfE 14 May 2020)

Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020 (updated 12 May 2020)

Opening schools for more children and young people: initial planning framework for schools in England (DfE 12 May 2020)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings (DfE 12 May 2020)

Guidance for full opening: schools (Updated 17 September 2020)

This update to the behaviour policy reflects the advice and guidance in the above documents to ensure that during the period in which schools are opening more widely to children we keep our children and staff as safe as possible. Children will need to follow the additional rules below during this period, as far as is reasonably possible:

- Children will follow altered routines for arrival and departure to school and during the day.
- Children will follow instructions and routines for hygiene, handwashing when asked by the teacher, sanitising on entry to the school.
- Children will only mix with the group in their designated bubble, which they will be informed of upon return to school if not before.
- Children will follow instructions on where they should go in school and endeavour not go out of the permitted areas
- Children will walk around school in orderly lines respecting social distancing as per the school and the bubble staff expectations
- Children will follow clearly set out expectations for sneezing, coughing, use of tissues and their disposal
- Children will tell an adult if they think they may have symptoms of the COVID 19
- Children will abide by the rules for sharing equipment
- Children will follow new guidance for break times including playing only in the area designated
- Children will use the toilets allocated to their bubble, chaperoned by a member of staff
- Children will not cough in anyone's face or towards anyone,
- Children are also not to spit
- Children will show respect for and follow instructions of their bubble at all times
- Clean your hands more often than usual - with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

- It is an expectation that whilst your child is in school, that they adhere to the school's regulations in relation to hygiene: they must follow instructions for handwashing, sanitising and use of equipment. Expectations about sneezing, coughing and tissue disposal will be shared regularly with pupils; it is an expectation this is reiterated at home by parents/carers in the best interests of all parties.
- It goes without saying that any serious breaches of hygiene and sanitisation – including spitting, coughing at others, wiping fluids on others – will be taken incredibly seriously and as such, parents and carers will be called to collect their children immediately. This will be dealt with extremely seriously and consequences will be put in place.
- Children must follow guidance and instructions on how they are able to socialise in school with their peers and staff during this time; we appreciate that for younger children, further support will be needed with this, however the expectation is that children follow instructions for the safety of themselves, their peers and staff in school. During recreational time, outdoor learning and indoor learning, the same rules and expectations apply.
- When moving around the school, children will – once again – be expected to follow adult's instructions, which will include one-way systems, out of bounds areas and queueing at a safe distance. Children will be reminded of these new routines, however should children choose not to abide by these instructions, this will constitute as a breach of the behaviour policy and parents / carers will be called to collect their child.

Children showing these behaviours will be praised in line with the normal behaviour system of the school or any additional ones put in place by staff to recognise their efforts.

- The school uses a range of strategies to support pupils in deescalating situations where a child displays extreme behaviours, which ultimately put themselves or others at risk of harm. Where this is the case, staff in school will contact parents and explain that their child is not safe to be in school and therefore cannot remain in the school building. These instances will be taken extremely seriously and this could result in your child no longer being able to access the provision in the current climate.
- We understand that some children are vulnerable, this includes those with EHCPs (Education Health Care Plans). For these children a bespoke risk assessment will be completed. If any actions on the risk assessment are not adhered to a parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child.
- **If a child deliberately shows disrespect for another person's health and safety during this time by breaking any of these rules, they are putting others at risk. Any child who commits a serious, or persistent breach(es) of the new COVID-19 protection rules may be sanctioned by the headteacher using the full range of sanctions available, dependent on the seriousness of the breach, up to and including in extreme cases permanent exclusion, where such action would be in accordance with the School's general and legal powers to exclude children. Robertswood does not anticipate having to use such powers during this time however it does need to ensure the health and safety of its staff and children as far as possible.**

A full risk assessment will be carried out in the event of a breach of this behaviour policy which warrants action, or the potential for such a breach. Children who put others at risk will be subject to risk mitigation control regarding their on-site attendance. Home learning education continues to be available to all children at this point. We appreciate that some pupils will find these rules difficult due to their needs and a risk assessment will consider if they and their peers can be kept safe at this time. Due to these exceptional circumstances, and the need to ensure a safe environment for students and staff there may be behaviour issues which warrant immediate sanctions (where warnings, reflection and modification of behaviour time would otherwise normally be appropriate), where, following a risk assessment, such action is deemed necessary due to the immediate threat to the health of children, adults in the school and their families.