



## **Behaviour Policy 2020 Covid-19 Addendum**

At Fringford C of E 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. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, E-Safety Policy and Peer-on-Peer Abuse Policy. These adjustments are set out below.

### **Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school**

Children will enter school through their designated entrance at the agreed time. Children and their parent will keep a 2m distance from any other individual as outlined in communications to parents/carers. There will be markers on the floors to support children and parents with social distancing. At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent has come to collect them, again keeping their distance as instructed. Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will be reminded to stay 2m from peers and adults. Children will be expected to tell a member of staff if they are unwell. Children must have a responsibility for their own equipment e.g. water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.

### **Hand washing and Hygiene**

Children will be expected to follow all hand washing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands /use antibacterial gel before entering school, after returning from the outside, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day. We ask children to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to good respiratory hygiene when in school. If they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Where possible, 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 at all times. When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to go straight to their table or carpet space 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. Teachers will ensure that pupils, wherever possible, adhere to social distancing measures. Where older pupils are not complying, the usual disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below). We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children but they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults. We acknowledge that this may not always be possible.

### **Toilets / Cloakrooms**

Each teaching group will have their own toilets to use. Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time. Handwashing will be essential whenever a child has visited the toilet.

## **Break times**

Children will not have designated places to play during break times but they will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Contact games such as tag or football will not be permitted.

## **Rewards**

The House Point reward system will continue to be used as well as the Good to be Green behaviour trackers. 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 Headteacher or other adult for acknowledgement and praise during this time will not be permitted, however. Mr Pastore will continue to hold virtual celebration assembly, time permitting.

## **Behaviour in School**

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures such as hand washing, social distancing, 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:

- Conversation(s) with pupil(s) which could include a verbal warning, moving seats if logistically possible and other behaviour management strategies in line with our current behaviour policy.
- Once all appropriate behaviour management strategies have been exhausted, contact should be made with pupil's parent/carer.
- If the health and safety of other pupils and staff members are put at risk by the pupils not adhering to social distancing measures, then the parent/carer will be expected to collect the pupil and a fixed term exclusion will be applied in line with exclusion guidance.

## **Pupils with Special Educational Needs**

School acknowledges that children will have had a range of different experiences during the lockdown period which may have an impact on their behaviour presentation upon return to school. Some may present with frustration as a result of being isolated from friends or having missed a significant event or experience; e.g. exams, school trip, etc. Others may have experienced bereavement or loss or another, real or perceived, traumatic episode. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, under unusual circumstances, may require some additional input and encouragement.

As a result of these varied experiences children may present with behaviour that is not usual, this may include;

- Anxiety; lack of confidence
- Challenging behaviour; fight or flight response
- Anger; shouting, crying
- Hyperactivity and difficulties maintaining attention

For some children, including those with attachment concerns or SEND, and especially those with autism, the change in routines and lack of familiarity will require additional adjustment.

School recognises that behaviour could be a sign that for some individual children there is an unfulfilled need and that the behaviour is communicating that there is a problem. The school will undertake an

individual risk assessment for the child and use reasonable endeavours to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus that may be triggering the challenging response.

Children with SEND are recognised as being particularly vulnerable and may have an urgent need to be re-integrated back into school as soon as reasonably possible. School will work closely with parents to implement supportive strategies that will inform an appropriate response. If necessary school will seek external support from other agencies such as Educational Psychologists or Early Help.

### **Pupils working from home**

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, pupils 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. Pupils should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any inappropriate comments to staff online, will be taken very seriously. 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.