

Viaduct School Behaviour Policy Addendum 2021 (Coronavirus)

According to guidance published by the DfE, schools must follow public health advice to minimise the risks of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. As a result, pupils will be asked to maintain good hand hygiene by cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual, ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing (as part of any instigated outbreak management procedure). The guidance states that these routines need to be built into school culture and be supported by behaviour expectations in order to keep pupils safe, hence this addition to our behaviour policy.

New rules

- Children must wash / sanitise their hands regularly and when requested to do so by an adult.
- Children must use tissues for sneezes and coughs, disposing on these in to a lidded bin in the classroom. In the absence of a tissue, children should sneeze in to their elbow. They should then wash their hands.
- Children should respect any markings / barriers put in place around the school in the event of outbreak management procedures being put into place.
- If children present with symptoms, they must tell an adult immediately so that the appropriate procedure can be implemented.

Encouraging engagement with the rules

- These rules and expectations will be shared with children to ensure that all know what behaviour is expected of them.
- They will be rehearsed so that they become routine.
- Staff will be seen to follow the same rules and act as role models around the school.
- When dealing with children who are breaking the Coronavirus rules, staff will employ a range of strategies outlined in the 'Communicate Calmness' section of the behaviour management policy.

Consequences

- Refusal or deliberate breaking of the rules will be dealt with by implementing the normal behaviour management systems (warnings, time out, etc)
- Purposeful endangering of pupils by intentionally ignoring any mitigating management measures may result in a fixed term exclusion, in the same way that unprovoked violent behaviour would be dealt with.