

Appendix for Behaviour Policy

Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic

At AMCPS we recognise that all members of our school community will have had very different experiences of the pandemic. Returning to school will be worrying for some while others will be pleased to be back in a 'normal' routine. However, there are many differences to school and the rules we now need to follow. It is important that all staff explain, in ways and language appropriate to the age group, the new rules we have to follow and why these are necessary.

Arrivals and Departures

All children and parents are asked to follow the altered routines for arrival or departure. Parents have been asked not to come onto school site so all children will be collected from the appropriate gate. Unless there is an emergency, we have requested that any contact is via email or over the telephone. There are staggered times to the school day.

- **Key Workers**- arrive via shops gate at 8.30am and depart at 3pm
- **Morning Nursery session**- arrive via Nursery gate at 8.45am and depart at 11.15am
- **Afternoon Nursery session**- arrive via Nursery gate at 12.15pm and depart at 2.45pm
- **Reception**- arrive via Nursery gate at 8.30am and depart at 3pm
- **Year 1**- arrive via main gate at 8.30am and leave at 3pm
- **Year 6**- arrive via main gate at 9am and depart at 3.15pm

Parents have been asked to ensure that neither they nor their children arrive before their allocated times and to adhere to social distancing expectations at all times.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising. All children will be required to wash their hands on entry into school, under instructions from the class teacher and at frequent times during the school day. Staff will give frequent reminders of the expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and the importance of avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands. Children will be expected and reminded to wash their hands after doing so.

Access to toilets will be restricted to one child from each bubble at a time. Reception, Nursery and Key Worker children will use their normal toilets. Children in Year 1 and Year 6 will use the main toilets. They will be labelled and colour coded for each bubble. Year 1 toilets will be red and yellow and Year 6 toilets blue and white.

Staff will make clear to children rules about coughing or spitting at or towards any other person. If it can be established that any child has done this deliberately towards another child or adult, their parents will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately.

Expectations in and out of classrooms

At all times in school children will only be able to socialise within their bubble. They will be encouraged to maintain social distancing and given frequent reminders of this throughout the day. Classrooms have been set up so that each child has their own designated work area. Children are expected to remain in this area unless directed by an adult. Children have all the resources they will need at their work station and they are not allowed to share these.

There are one way systems set up both in the building and outside. These, and the reasons for them, will be explained to children once they return to school. When moving around they are expected to follow these systems and to stay out of areas that have been placed 'out of bounds'. Children will be reminded about maintaining social distancing.

There are regular outdoor sessions timetabled for each bubble throughout the day. Children must remain within their bubble at all times and not attempt to join with others. Any equipment used is done so under the supervision of the teacher. For any shared items of equipment, wipes are provided so it can be cleaned at the end of the session. Ball games can be played under supervision, but should not involve any contact. The tyre park is not in use currently.

For those children who remain at home remote education will be provided. Parents are asked to be involved with and monitor any correspondence between children and teachers.

Rewards and sanctions

We will continue to encourage children and reward them. However, our normal systems will need to be adapted in this current climate as the giving of stickers/raffle tickets or reward certificates could be increasing the risk of infection. Year groups should liaise over how they are going to run a reward system, but it should be something that is added to only by the adults- perhaps marbles/pasta in a jar working towards a collective reward. No children, sadly, can be sent down to share good work with the SMT, though there may be opportunities for the SMT to share successes, at a distance, with the classes and especially interactively.

Normal classroom expectations of behaviour apply and staff will continue to use sanctions in line with the school behaviour policy. However, all staff will need to take into account any reasonable adjustments that may need to be made. For example, children should not be sent to a different bubble as a sanction. It is important to de-escalate situations as quickly as possible. De-escalation techniques such as giving the child time and/or space to calm down, speaking quietly and calmly to them or removing yourself from the situation, should be employed.

Apart from a small number of children, for whom there is a risk assessment and positive handling plan in place, our policy is always for staff to avoid physical contact with children unless there is a real and immediate danger to the child. This remains the case during this time.

Ultimately, any child who refuses to comply with adult instructions and in doing so puts the safety of themselves and others at risk, will be sent home. This will be done in consultation with the SMT.