

Addendum to the Behaviour Policy

COVID-19 arrangements

The Buckinghamshire Primary Pupil Referral Unit

May 2020

Agreed by the Management Committee: May 2020

This addendum is prepared in light of the need for children and staff to behave differently when they return to the PRU following the COVID19 outbreak and should be read in conjunction with the existing Behaviour Policy and Use of Reasonable Force Policy, and its addendum. It should also be read by staff in conjunction with any briefing and procedures communicated by the Executive Headteacher and other members of SLT in relation to COVID 19.

These additions must be communicated to staff, pupils and parents as part of the wider opening of the PRU planned for June 2020 and must be frequently revisited with pupils.

All pupils and staff attending the PRU will need to take responsibility for:

- following the rules for social distancing;
- following PRU instructions on hygiene, handwashing and sanitising: cleaning hands more often than usual with running water and soap and drying them thoroughly or using sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered; pupils will need frequently reminding of this;
- following expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal: use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and avoiding touching the mouth, nose and eyes with hands;
- items used by any child being sanitised / cleaned after each use;
- adhering to the revised rules for entering and exiting the PRU sites;
- following altered routines and timings of the PRU day, breaks and lunchtimes as appropriate to their designated teaching group or "class bubble";
- moving around the PRU as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, any out of bounds areas, lining up at safe distances);
- avoiding sharing any equipment, resources or other items wherever possible;
- following expectations about changes in arrangements to playtimes and lunchtimes, including following the amended playground/lunch rotas;
- never deliberately coughing or spitting at or towards any other person.

In addition to the above, staff will need to take responsibility for:

- reminding pupils to tell the nearest adult immediately if they are feeling unwell: if it is believed they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, to be sent home, advising parents to access a test as soon as possible;
- teaching pupils about the dangers of coughing and/or spitting at any other person; pupils should be reminded to cover their mouths if they need to cough.

In addition to the points for all staff and pupils, the latter must also take responsibility for:

- remaining at designated tables/chairs using equipment and resources provided by classroom staff;
- following instructions on who they can mix with at the PRU, keeping within their specified small groups with their designated members of staff;
- following expectations about the use of toilets as communicated by PRU staff to avoid compromising safe distancing.

Rewards and sanction systems will operate as in the main body of this policy as appropriate. Behaviour expectations are consistent with those set out in the main Behaviour Policy and pupils will be given clear, explicit warnings and reminders of appropriate choices and explanations about the importance of following these additional rules.

If pupils are unable to follow the expectations shared with them as laid out here, they will be subject to sanctions which may lead to exclusion in the most serious cases, where the health and safety of themselves and others in the PRU are put at risk.

We acknowledge that some of the PRU's pupils may need additional support in understanding and adhering to these added expectations and the PRU will engage with parents/carers and other professionals to put in place appropriate support. The additional support will be offered within the bounds of what are acceptable agreed safety procedures and risk assessments.

Signed by.....Management Committee Chair

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Signed by..... Executive Headteacher

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