

COVID-19 Secondary Addendum – Positive Behaviour and Relationships Policy

September 2020

In response to the current COVID-19 situation, this is a temporary addendum to the XXXXXX's schools behaviour policy. This addendum has been ratified by the Trust Board on (insert date) and forms an integral part of their planning and decision making to ensure that there is adequate mitigation for the full reopening of schools in September. It is the government's ambition for all schools to reopen to all pupils from September 2020.

This addendum takes immediate effect and will remain in place until further notice.

The existing individual school's behaviour policies already cover expected standards within each of our academies, and these remain unchanged. Alongside the overarching Trust behaviour policy lie local school arrangements, each specific to the context of individual schools.

We are committed to ensuring our staff are sensitive to the likely social, emotional, and mental health needs of the returning parents and children. We acknowledge that many will be apprehensive about returning to their school.

When exercising judgment in applying the behaviour policy, school leaders will take into consideration the exceptional circumstances that many of our young people have faced in the preceding weeks and months.

As we prepare re-open our schools to all pupils, it is important that there is clarification and standardisation, on expected standards and behaviour across all our schools, when pupils return.

The ATLP has a commitment to making each of our school sites as safe as we can to ensure that our pupils, our staff, and the wider community of families beyond the school gate remain as safe as possible at this difficult and unprecedented time.

The expectation is that all pupils (and staff) returning to school will follow rules and guidance on social distancing in schools and understand what protective measures have been put in place. These will be presented to pupils on our return to school as part of our induction and familiarisation procedures.

Making school safe really matters for everyone and the co-operation of staff, pupils, and parents in ensuring each setting remains so, is the expectation.

We appreciate that the vast majority of our pupils will conduct themselves sensibly, listening carefully to staff instructions and adhering to the individual schools' guidance on social distancing when in the building, leaving and entering the building and in the local community.

Pupils should:

- Follow staff instructions at all times, including remaining in an area of the schools designated for pupils, including complying with specific entry and exit requirements
- Co-operate with staff in fulfilling basic hygiene measures when instructed, to include washing hands, using the designated toilet facilities assigned to them and avoiding behaviours that could help the spread of the virus.
- Regular hand washing for 20 seconds remains an integral part of managing the virus. Pupils are expected to adhere to this.
- Move around the building as instructed sensibly and calmly and entering and leaving the school building appropriately
- When dismissed, not loiter in public places in the community as per government guidance.

Please note that we are expecting all pupils to wear the correct uniform from September. We are also encouraging students to walk or cycle to school where possible. If students are travelling on public transport, they must wear a face covering as directed by the Government. To protect everyone at all times, pupils will adhere to the above principles. The school reserves the right to take the appropriate action should they feel, in the rare occurrences, that the health and safety of pupils and staff is being compromised.