



COVID-19 Primary 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). This addendum takes immediate effect and will remain in place until further notice.

We appreciate that this is a very anxious time for staff, pupils and their parents and we will ensure that we provide a climate that is conducive to supporting all of our stakeholders in this new way of working. We pride ourselves in our ATLP schools in our positive relationships between staff and pupils and pupils and pupils. Covid-19 has meant that we have had to operate in different ways and follow government guidance, to ensure that we keep our staff and pupils safe at all times. Whilst we cannot guarantee anything, we will strive, at all times, to mitigate the risk of pupils and staff catching the virus.

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.

This addendum reflects the fact that the school's Praise and Behaviour Policy (or insert the name of the individual policy of the school) may not be able to be applied as normal due to COVID-19. Furthermore, certain behaviours may also be deemed to be more serious due to the safety implications of those behaviours, taking into account COVID-19. The safety of our students, staff and visitors is our primary concern.

We will ensure that on any re-opening of schools, all staff will have appropriate training on the new guidelines. In addition, all children will learn about the new ways of working to ensure they fully understand the school's guidance to keep everyone safe. They will be reminded of these at regular intervals. In addition, we ask that children adhere to the following points for theirs and everyone else's safety:

Our children will:

- Follow staff instructions at all times for their own safety
- Follow social distancing rules as set by the schools, following signs and floor markers where appropriate
- Follow basic hygiene measures when instructed such as washing hands, using the designated toilet facilities assigned to them and avoiding behaviours that could help the spread of the virus
- Move around school as instructed sensibly and calmly and entering and leaving the school building at their designated entrance

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 by negative behaviours.