

Somers Heath Primary School



COVID-19 Update for Behaviour Policy

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, adaptations have been made to the learning environment at Somers Heath Primary School, in line with the Government's guidance. As a result of this, the following measures need to be addressed with the Behaviour Policy:

Staff need to make children aware of the social distancing measures put in place and explain how these form part of our right to safety. These include, but are not exclusive to:

- Children and staff to remain two meters apart where possible.
- Children to remain in their allocated seat at their table for the duration of the session, unless asked otherwise.
- Children to use the resources provided on their tables. No sharing of resources with their peers.
- Water bottles need to be bought in from home and kept on the child's table. These cannot be shared.
- When moving around the school, e.g. to go to the toilet or for play breaks, children are to adhere to the markings on the floor and the one-way system in place.
- When moving from the building to the outdoor areas, children to leave a 2m gap between themselves and their peers and adult/s, using the floor markings as a guide.
- Children are to immediately return to their allocated classroom or learning space after going to the toilet and washing their hands.
- Children to stay within the designated zones when outside during break times.

Staff to remind children of good hygiene, including:

- Washing hands regularly and thoroughly with soap for 20 seconds after going to the toilet and at regular intervals.
- Coughing or sneezing into their elbow or into a tissue in line with the NHS guidance 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

Progression of Sanctions

If children are in breach of any of the above, the same sanctions will be in place that form our Behaviour Policy.

The Use of Physical Restraint

In order to maintain firm boundaries of acceptable learning behaviour and ensure the safety of all staff and pupils, it will be necessary at times to use approved methods of physical restraint with some pupils; Safer Handling. This is always a last resort, when all possible options for giving the pupil time/space to regain self-control have been exhausted and concerns are raised around the safety of the child or others. In light of the current situation, in the instance that physical restraint is required, staff will be supplied with masks and gloves to provide a barrier between adult and child.

Any behaviour that compromises the hygiene and safety of adults or children e.g. biting, scratching, or spitting will result in a fixed term exclusion as this kind of behaviour in this current climate is highly unacceptable and dangerous, posing many risks to those in the immediate vicinity. We will explain to the parents that unless their child is able to adhere to strict guidance which ensures our staff and pupil's safety, we will be unable to accommodate them in our setting.