

Behaviour principles during COVID-19

Annex to Behaviour Policy – version 1.0 (July 2020)

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Context

The school behaviour policy sets out a range of expectations about behaviour and sanctions available to headteachers in cases of serious breaches. This annex reflects new behaviour expectations which are related to Covid-19 protection measures in school from 1st June 2020.

Principles

Any pupil who commits any serious or persistent breach of the new Covid-19 protection rules may be sanctioned by the headteacher using the full range of sanctions available, dependent on the seriousness of the breach, up to and including in extreme cases permanent exclusion.

The Covid-19 protections rules cover:

- Arrival to and departure from school
- Movement around the school
- Use of equipment
- Engagement with and conduct towards other pupils and staff members
- Safe use of school facilities
- General hygiene measures

Specific rules relating to each of these categories have been communicated with pupils and may be varied from time to time as circumstances and advice change.

The mental health, well-being and safety of our pupils is of paramount importance. We acknowledge that some pupils will return to school having been exposed to a range of adversity and trauma including bereavement, anxiety and in some cases increased welfare and safeguarding risks which may be an impact on their behaviour.

The school continues its commitment to ensure that high standards of behaviour are maintained. Any sanction imposed to ensure positive behaviour and the safety of the whole community will be made with due consideration to any known additional and extenuating circumstances.