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The Market Weighton School

Behaviour for Learning Policy

Covid-19 Addendum 2020-21

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1. COVID-19 Addendum Introduction

Following schools being closed to the majority of students (March 2020), the Department for Education announced a phased-re-opening of Secondary Schools starting with the introduction of face-to-face sessions delivered to Year 10 students in June 2020 with re-opening for other year groups to follow in September 2020.

The advice on keeping students safe in school is based on prevention and responding effectively to any infection or suspected infection. Public health advice to minimise the risks of COVID-19 outlines essential measures that all schools must follow:

- *a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- *robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- *enhanced cleaning arrangements
- *active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

Also:

Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximize distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimize potential for contamination so far as reasonably practicable. This will be achieved at TMWS by:

- 1 - Grouping students together - we will operate Year Group bubbles
- 2 - Avoiding contact between groups - introducing split break and lunches with year group areas
- 3 - Arranging classrooms with suitably spaced out desks
- 4 - Staff maintaining distance from students and other staff as much as possible

Any student who has coronavirus symptoms; a new or continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss/change in your normal sense of taste or smell, should not attend school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. If you are not able to travel to a test facility we have some home testing kits in school that we can issue.

Students with symptoms should remain at home until you have received test results. This also applies if anyone in the same household also develop symptoms.

If anyone in school becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms we will contact home to collect them to go home and arrange a test.

1.1 This addendum to the main TMWS Behaviour Policy details adaptations in place from September 2020 for all pupils.

1.2 To make it easy to read, this addendum talks about *teachers*. But when we use the word *teachers* we also mean *other staff with responsibility for students*.

1.3 This policy addendum is informed by the Department for Education guidance released (and updated) regarding the reopening of schools and other educational establishments.

1.4 This policy appendix is specifically intended to:

- ensure the safety and well-being of every member of staff and student during this time
- encourage young people to take responsibility for their behaviour during this time
- tackle incidents/instances of poor behaviour effectively, fairly and swiftly during this time
- allow teachers to feel safe and supported during this time
- foster an environment where all members of the school community respect and adhere to the social distancing guidance and hygiene measures that we all expected to embrace

1.5 The information in this policy will be communicated:

- *to students – in the newsletter sent home, on the first day of students' first day of face-to-face sessions and in the relevant documents on the school website*
- *to teachers – in staff training and in the relevant section of the staff handbook*
- *to parents/carers – in the newsletter (August 2020) sent home and in the relevant documents on the school website*

2. What we expect students to do during this time

2.1 students must only enter the site via the designated areas they have been assigned.

2.2 student must walk only on the left hand side of the corridor in the direction of travel and maintain at least 1 metre social distance.

2.3 students must walk directly to their sanitising area on arrival at school.

2.4 students must only sit in their assigned seat. Students must not touch any equipment assigned to another student.

2.5 students must meet our usual expected behaviour in class.

2.6 students must not attempt to make physical contact with any person.

2.7 students must not attempt to deliberately move within 1 metre of any person outside their year group.

2.8 students must sanitize their hands again when returning to THEIR classroom after visiting the toilet.

2.9 students must sanitize when leaving the classroom at the end of a lesson.

2.10 students must stay in their social bubble (year group) assigned areas at break and lunch.

2.11 students must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing.

2.12 students must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm.

3. What we expect our teachers to do during this time

3.1 We expect all our teachers to work with all our students with consideration and understanding at this challenging time. However, to ensure safety of all and an effective learning environment, teachers will continue to address any behaviour that is unacceptable, such as breaking our basic school rules, refusal to follow a reasonable instruction, or not complying to the expectations set out in this addendum.

3.2 Teachers will address poor behaviour by speaking to the student and using BfL as appropriate. Also when needed requesting support (on-call) if a student does not respond.

3.3 Where appropriate, staff will use the e-praise system to recognise good or excellent student behaviour.

3.4 All classrooms will have suitably spaced out seats with the teacher having a 2m distance from the position at the front of the room to the nearest student.

3.5 Teachers will support students with their work from a distance. If they need to get closer than 2m, the time will be limited to less than 15 minutes and if closer than 1m staff should wear a face covering if supporting students closely throughout a lesson.

4. The actions we may take when a student misbehaves during this time

4.1 Any student that cannot cooperate with our expectations will follow the sanctions outlined in the behaviour for learning policy. If after intervention from the teachers and support team any student not cooperating, will be excluded for a fixed period of time. To be followed by a reintegration meeting.

4.2 The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour specific to the covid-19 context, though the list is not exhaustive:

- refusing to sanitise hands
- not moving directly to the allocated classroom
- deliberately making contact, or attempting to make contact, with another person
- deliberately moving within 1 metre, or attempting to move within 1 metre, of another person outside of their year group.
- deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, for example, but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing
- not attempting to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or arm when coughing and/or sneezing
- deliberately breaking social bubbles (year group bubble) eg going out of assigned areas at break and lunch

5. Behaviour outside the school during this time

5.1 students must not congregate in groups that exceed the government guidance before or after school.

5.2 students must leave the school site when directed.

5.3 students who travel by bus must abide by the guidance set out by the bus companies and buswise. Students must wear a face covering when travelling on the school bus.

5.4 students must sit in their assigned area and seat when travelling on the school bus.

