



Additions to the Behaviour Policy due to covid-19: September 2020

The principles as set out in The Acorn Federation's Behaviour Policy remain and should continue to be followed. This addendum should not be used as a standalone document and should be read in conjunction with the existing policy. It sets out the expectations of The Acorn Federation in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for children to behave differently when they return to school. It describes the new systems in place and how pupils will be supported to adhere to them. This addendum follows the advice and guidelines provided by the DFE.

- Parents and children to follow the new system/times for dropping off and picking up from school.
- Children should keep their distance from adults and children not in their 'mini-bubble' wherever possible.
- Children must sanitise/wash hands when entering school and leaving school and then wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds each time throughout the day.
- Children must follow instructions on who they can socialise with at school, staying in their 'mini-bubble' as much as possible.
- Children must move around the school as instructed, using the signs to help them.
- Children must try to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' by sneezing/coughing into tissues and disposing of safely, should avoid touching their mouth, nose and eyes with their hands.
- Children must tell an adult if they are experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus.
- Children must only use their own water bottles and equipment.
- If any child coughs or spits at or towards any other person the situation will be dealt with appropriately.
- Children learning at home will follow the online safety rules.
- If a child is finding it hard to follow these rules, the teacher will talk to the pupil individually to check their wellbeing and reinforce the importance of the rules.

All pupils will be supported in the following ways:

- Throughout the school there will be signs/posters/visual prompts to remind pupils and staff of the new safety measures in place that should be followed.
- All adults will explain new routines sensitively and help pupils to feel safe and reassured by the rules in place.
- The new routines and expectations will be explained and repeated by the pupils' teacher every day and throughout the day. This will reassure all pupils and particularly the most anxious.
- All adults will explain hygiene rules sensitively every day and provide reminders throughout the day.
- All our usual systems for affirming our pupils' good behaviours will continue.
- For pupils who are not managing for any reason to follow our school expectations we will follow our usual systems for praise and sanctions to help them identify what the expectations are. We will communicate with parents to ensure there is a whole team and empathetic approach.



- If, despite all appropriate support and guidance, a pupil repeatedly breaks our current safety rules, the headteacher may, as a last resort, consider alternative arrangements or exclude a pupil either for a fixed period or permanently.

Behaviours outside school

Our school community have the right to feel safe and we ask that parents respect the rights of staff and other families. We ask parents to strictly follow the government guidance regarding social distancing, visiting households and other establishments. The children should not be mixing with other groups when walking to and from school.

Rewards

The children will continue to receive Dojo points in recognition of good behaviour.