

Additions to the Pupil Code of Conduct in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic

We know that our pupils are very supportive of each other and the school, and will want to continue to be so during the challenge of this pandemic. The following additions to our pupil code of conduct are designed to help us all stay safe and well.

- Pupils must not attend school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.
- We have clearly defined entrances and exits and a one-way system to ensure safe movement around the school. Pupils must adhere to these.
- Pupils should not enter the school building until asked to do so by a member of staff. If pupils are on the school site before their classes are due to start they must wait outside using social distancing. Although there are some covered areas, pupils should be prepared to be outside in wet/cold weather and should dress accordingly.
- School uniform is required to be worn by all pupils. Pupils in year 7-9 will wear PE kit to school on PE days only and year 10-13 will come to school in full uniform and change into PE kit when they have PE.
- Pupils should provide their own stationery, pens and tissues. These cannot be shared.
- Any seating plan for a classroom should be adhered to.
- Pupils must use the hand sanitiser provided when entering and leaving the school building. They must wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet.
- Pupils will be dismissed from classrooms at the same time and must leave the building immediately.
- Although the school is cleaned carefully after every session pupils should avoid touching surfaces like banisters and door handles wherever possible.
- Wearing a face covering is compulsory when advised by the headteacher. When face coverings are not compulsory, it is up to pupils to decide if they wish to wear one.
- Pupils should avoid physical contact with each other.
- Mobile phones must not be used in the school building. They should remain out of sight in a bag or pocket.
- Any pupil whose behaviour puts their own or others' safety at risk will be required to work in isolation and may be required to work at home for subsequent teaching sessions.
- The Department for Education have also confirmed that any pupil who commits serious or persistent breach of the new COVID-19 protection rules may be sanctioned using the full range of sanctions available, dependent on the seriousness of the breach, up to and including in serious cases, permanent exclusion.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

In the Department for Education document Schools Covid-19 Operational Guidance 27th August 2021 it says;

‘Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don’t normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.’

However, we do reserve the right to re-introduce compulsory face coverings if local circumstances require it.