

Summerfield School



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Positive Behaviour Policy COVID-19 ADDENDUM

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Review: Ongoing (when new guidance is announced)

Our Behaviour in response to Covid-19

During this unprecedented situation, many aspects of usual life have changed. In order to safeguard our children, staff and community we have made some adjustments to our school which are in the best interests of all stakeholders. A full risk assessment has been carried out and the measures in place are reflected within this document. This addendum will be reviewed weekly initially to ensure this remains the case.

Positive Behaviour Policy:

It is important to highlight that our school has and will always maintain a positive approach to supporting positive behavioural choices. Children at Summerfield will always be supported to be the best they can be. We will always aspire to keep our school safe and only together will we achieve this. The school's 'usual' Positive Behaviour Policy will be followed as it stands in the most recently updated document (January 2020). The following adaptations are also included:

Social distancing:

We recognise that for our youngest children, social distancing is not something we can expect to be maintained at all times. We will however be supporting and encouraging **safe distancing** for all children and staff.

This will be implemented through the use of specific 'bubble groups'. These groups will be limited to no more than 9 children in the first instance; they will have their own designated adults who do not work across bubbles and they will have their own designated classroom space, outdoor provision, toilet provision and entrance and exit to the building. Children will be expected to remain within their bubble group throughout the school day, whether during indoor or outdoor play or learning experiences. Children should not attempt to 'pop' their bubble or that of another group. This would compromise the safety of all members of the community as well as the risk assessment procedures.

Children will be supported to understand the need for safety and expectations will be clearly communicated. If a pupil is unable to maintain safe distancing and remain with their bubble group, it may be requested that they are collected from school while additional support strategies for this pupil are arranged.

Physical Contact:

Children will maintain their 'bubbles' and will not share any equipment unless it has been sufficiently cleaned. Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered with each bubble group having specified outdoor space. Staff will support children to play games or engage in learning where physical contact can be avoided. For our smallest children, physical contact may well be unavoidable, however, this must always be safe. We cannot tolerate any purposefully malicious or dangerous physical contact. We will employ strategies from our 'usual' Positive Behaviour Policy to support children to adhere to these measures.

Movement around school:

Movement within the school building will be very much restricted. The configuration of bubble groups allows for effective use of space for each bubble. Children should only leave their classroom with their designated adults to use the outdoor space when it is safe to do so. Children and adults should not enter any space not designated to their bubble, other than the Senior Leadership team.

A timetable to support movement between indoors and outdoors will be set and clearly communicated to all staff and children.

Where any child puts themselves or others safety at risk, they may be required to remain at home.

Toilets and hygiene:

Toilet blocks will no longer be designated to year groups. Each bubble group is designated a specific toilet block. Only two children at a time may use their toilet block. Strict hand hygiene will be reinforced through our usual positive reinforcement systems.

Spitting or coughing:

Deliberately spitting or coughing at or towards any member of our community is unacceptable; the safety of our community is vital. Children who purposefully choose to spit or cough towards any other person will be putting others at risk and, therefore, parents will be contacted and the child will need to remain at home until a consultation between child, parent and school deems the child safe to return.

Celebration Assemblies / Other Assemblies:

Celebration assemblies will not take place for the foreseeable future. As with other assemblies, there will be individual celebrations in bubble groups. No mass-grouping will take place until further notice. From 8th June onwards, Mr Fraser and Ms Daley will record an assembly for all children that can be watched at home or within bubble groups.

This addendum will be reviewed and updated regularly in response to DfE guidance and through observations when school reopens to pupils.

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