

Welsh House Farm Community School and Resource Base



Behaviour policy *Addendum* 2019/20 COVID-19 Pandemic

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Our Behaviour in response to Covid-19

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

'Usual' Behaviour Policy:

It is important to highlight that our school has and will always maintain a positive approach to supporting positive behavioural choices. Pupils at WHFCS will always be supported to be the best they can be. Our school rules will be fundamental to ensuring we share a positive and supportive message to our pupils about the safe return to school. We will always aspire to keep our school safe and only together will we achieve this. The school's 'usual' behaviour policy will be followed as it stands in the most recently updated document. The following adaptations are also included:

Home-School Agreement: (Addendum Appendix 1)

Everything we do is in the best interests of individual pupils, staff and the school community in terms of safety, wellbeing and expectation. In order to ensure clarity of this we have introduced a Home-School agreement to be completed and returned to school before pupils return to us before September. The home school agreement recognises and emphasises the importance of new measures in place and supports our school, our pupils and our parents/guardians to ensure that everyone is prepared for the changes in place.

Social distancing:

We recognise that for our young pupils 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 pupils and staff.

This will be implemented through the use of specific year groups in phase bubbles. These groups will be limited to no more than 30 pupils, will have their own designated adults who do not work across groups and will have their own designated classroom space. Outdoor provision, toilet provision will be shared within year group bubbles (2 year groups to a bubble). Pupils will be expected to remain with their bubble group throughout their time in school, whether during indoor or outdoor play or learning experiences. Pupils 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.

Pupils 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:

Pupils 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 spaces. Staff will support pupils to play games or engage in learning where physical contact can be avoided. For our smallest children physical contact may well be unavoidable however must always be safe. We cannot tolerate any purposefully malicious or dangerous physical contact. We will employ strategies from our 'usual' behaviour policy to support pupils 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 group. Pupils should only leave their classroom with their designated adults to use the outdoor space when it is safe to do so. No two groups of pupils can be inside the building but outside of their bubble space at any time. Children and adults should not enter any space not designated to their bubble group.

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

Where any pupil 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 by gender, although specific cubicles within toilet blocks will be. Each bubble group is designated a specific toilet block. Only one pupil 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 important. Pupils who purposefully chose to spit or cough towards any other person will be putting others at risk and therefore parents will be contacted and the pupil collected. The pupil will need to remain at home until a consultation between pupil, parent and school deems the pupil safe to return.

Celebration Assembly:

Celebration assemblies will no longer take place in the hall. As with collective worships, these will be individual celebrations in bubble groups or via iteams. No mass-grouping will take place until further notice.

This addendum will be reviewed and updated regularly in response to DfE guidance and updates.

Last update

