

Hope Community School

Behaviour Policy: Supplement May 2020 to account for Covid-19

The key purpose of this document is to keep all members of our community safe.

Drop Offs

Your child will be allocated a drop off and pick up time to reduce social contact. Please stick promptly to these times and do not arrive early or late. If you are early, please take a short walk close to the school, especially if another drop off or pick up is in progress.

Year R pupils will be dropped at the playground door, with parents keeping to the 2m distance. On arrival they will wash their hands.

Year 1 and 2 pupils will be dropped at the main glass doors and parents will keep to the 2m distance. On arrival at their classroom they will wash their hands.

Pick Up

Again, there will be an allocated pick up time and parents will pick up their child from the same place they were dropped off. Please be aware that being late will impact other bubbles and staff who need to collect their own children from emergency provision.

No adult can enter any other part of the site or building, unless specific arrangements have been made to do so, when meetings will take place at a safe distance.

Arrival in School

Pupils are to walk at 2 meters spacing to their allocated classroom. They will then be welcomed by a member of staff who will direct them to wash and dry their hands.

Staff around the site will remind children to maintain 2 metres spacing at all times, and therefore children can only walk on site.

Parents are not to gather near or at the school gate.

School Uniform

Children are to wear their standard school uniform. If a child has grown out of part of their uniform, the family is to substitute that element with an appropriate item, e.g. a t-shirt / shorts / track suit trousers, trainers or flat shoes.

Children are to arrive at school in clean clothing. Children are not permitted to wear flip flops, open toed sandals, jewellery or make up. Children should not need facemasks.

Daily Routines

Pupils walk around the school, keeping 2 metres apart where possible, following adult's instructions to stay safe at all times.

Pupils are not to touch the adults or each other. Adults will only touch children for first aid reasons when PPE will be used.

Only one child at a time can use the washrooms. After using the toilet, the child must flush the toilet, then wash and dry their hands.

Pupils must tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, or other illnesses. Pupils who present with symptoms of coronavirus will be isolated until a parent can collect them from school.

Pupils need to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routine if they need to cough, sneeze or blow their nose. If needs be, pupils are to cover their mouths if coughing, to sneeze into their arms, and blow their nose on a tissue which then needs to be placed in a bin. Children are asked to bring tissues with them, however, staff will provide these if required.

Any clothes that become contaminated by sneezing will be placed in a sealed bag on your child's peg. If this is likely to affect your child then a spare jumper may be advisable.

At no time children should cough or spit at any other person. Children doing this will be sent home.

In the Classroom

Pupils should seek to remove all items left before closure and take them home e.g. book bags, wellies, PE kits. These are no longer required in school.

Pupils are to only use the stationery from their individual named packs supplied by the school.

Pupils are not to share items / resources with others.

Pupils must wash their hands before they eat any food.

Pupils to bring a named water bottle to school.

Staff cannot provide cups for safety reasons.

Children are to bring a named water bottle to school each day, which need to be returned home and cleaned on a daily basis.

Pupils are not to share their drinks bottle with any others.

Staff and other pupils are not to touch other people's water bottles.

If a water bottle needs to be refilled, ideally the child should do this, however, if they are unable, an adult will refill it, having first washed their hands, after which the bottle is wiped down and returned to the child, without making personal contact.

Pupils are not to bring any personal items into school apart from a coat, named water bottle and prescription glasses.

Parents should post pictures of items pupils wish to share as part of “show and tell” on class dojo.

Any child requiring personal medication, such as inhalers, must bring this to school in a labelled container.

Pupils will not be issued with books to read at home.

Pupils are to wash their hands regularly during the day.

Teachers should make sure they wash their hands and surfaces, before and after handling pupils’ books.

Children will not be going to other areas for PE. Our realPE curriculum is suspended and PE will be taught in bubbles inside and outside with the use of non-contact resources such as Joe Wicks, JustDance etc. Children will not be required to change for PE.

Staff will issue all children with a short progress report at the end of the school year (including those at home),

Playtimes

Playtimes will be staggered so that class groups or ‘bubbles’ do not mix.

Pupils are not allowed to make contact with each other during play times or PE sessions.

Pupils are to keep themselves and others safe at all times.

Lunchtimes

Children will wash hands before eating.

Pupils are encouraged to eat school meals which will be provided.

Pupils will not serve each other at this time and will be given pre-plated meals at their own individual table. Pupils will be expected to clear their own plate when finished eating.

If pupils have packed lunch they will be asked to bring it to school in a disposable bag. All rubbish and uneaten food will be thrown away.

Lunchtime play will be 15 minutes shorter than normal in order to minimise risk of injury. This will result in the school day finishing earlier.

Emergency Evacuation of the building

Emergency evacuations are to take place following social distancing principles as far as is reasonably practicable. Particularly at assembly areas (2m separation).

First Aid

Staff will use PPE provided for any first aid that requires physical contact. Where possible, children will be supervised to deal with their own first aid needs, for example, a child washing a grazed hand.

Intimate Care

Staff will use PPE to support any pupil who is in need of support with emergency intimate care. However, individual risk assessments will be undertaken for any child who routinely needs such support before the child returns to school. In the event the intimate care would need more than standard cleaning with wipes and fresh clothing, parents and carers may be called to take the child home to clean them thoroughly.

Positive Handling

Under the current Covid-19 situation restrictive physical intervention or positive handling, should be avoided. If it cannot be avoided, staff are to wear PPE.

In the event of non-compliance which may take the form of trying to exit their room/bubble, trying to run into another bubble, refusing to go back into their bubble after playtime, significant and prolonged “tantrums” which involve trying to harm staff or others or episodes of inconsolable distress then parents may be called immediately to take their child home for the rest of the day to calm down.

Staff will not be able to hold children’s hands while using the stairs but instead can walk near them to aid safety.

Children at Home

Staff will continue to set Home learning tasks which are expected to be regularly completed. These will continue to appear on class dojo on a Monday. Teachers may wish to send out additional resources throughout the week that they have used with pupils in school if appropriate.

Rewards

The school’s focus on praising children who demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and conduct will remain in place. Praise and ‘achieving success’ recognition can be given to any child who, in an adults’ judgement, has worked well, completed work to a high standard or

made a positive contribution to the school, including keeping themselves and others safe and showing respect for others.

Rewards may include:

☑ in class celebrations of children showing respect by keeping themselves and others safe, shown on recognition boards or reward ladders.

☑ Dojo Points issued for when an individual or whole class works well and accumulated points go towards scale class / individual rewards.

Please note that physical certificates will be avoided at this time.

Behaviour Plan: responding to incidents related to the Covid-19 and keeping safe at this time.

To support children at this time, on a daily basis, and throughout the day staff will make the expectations of school life explicit, by reminding them of how they can keep themselves and others safe. Where appropriate staff will use social stories to reinforce these expectations.

| | Step | action |
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| 1 | Reminder | A clear verbal reminder of the safety rule is given e.g. to social distance, to wash their hands, to not touch another child's equipment. Please note that staff must maintain social distancing even if they are speaking to an individual. If a child has touched another child's equipment, this will need to be cleaned, either immediately or at a more suitable time. |
| 2 | Formal Caution | A clear formal caution is given that they are putting themselves and others at risk. Please note that staff must maintain social distancing even if they are speaking to an individual. |
| 3 | Last chance | Child is removed from the classroom and sent home. |
| | | For more dangerous behaviours: such as spitting, coughing at, purposefully touching someone else's face, or mouth, the child will be dealt with under step 3. |

Poor behaviours such as children making inappropriate jokes or comments about someone else having Covid-19 will be dealt with under the standard behaviour steps.

Parents and carers are asked at all times to be respectful to all school staff. We understand there will be frustration and stress at these times but staff are following school, trust and government guidance and some situations remain out of their control. If you do have a concern or issue, please contact the school via phone or email in the first instance.