



BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE POLICY

COVID-19 ADDENDUM

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1. Aims

- 1.1 At Burbage C of E Infant School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to embrace our values and have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in our Behaviour & Discipline Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some new rules for children and adjust current policy for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below:

2. Arrivals, departures and moving round the school

- 2.1 Children will enter school through the front school entrance from Pughe's Paddock. Children will have their temperatures taken on entry to school and the follow the one-way system with their adult. Two metre distance markers have been stencilled onto the floor and parents/carers and children will be encouraged to observe these and the posters around. Children will need to separate from their parent/carer independently and cross the red line to their class teacher.
- 2.2 At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time.
- 2.3 Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their bubble classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will follow an adult from their bubble on a route to avoid contact with others.

3. Handwashing and hygiene

- 3.1 Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school.
- 3.2 Children will wash hands when entering school, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.
- 3.3 We ask children to follow the "catch it, bin it, kill it" mantra when in school; if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or the crook of their arm. Tissues will be put in a lidded bin. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.
- 3.4 Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used.

5. Social distancing

- 5.1 Children will be encouraged to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field. Children will sit with distance between themselves and others when at tables. When children enter their bubble, they will be expected to limit their movement around the classroom. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support. Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used.

6. Toilets

- 6.1 External toilet doors will be propped open. Children will use their year group's designated toilet block. They will be asked to socially distance from others when in the toilet area. When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands. Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

7. Break and lunch times

- 7.1 Children will have a designated place to play during break and lunch times with their year group bubble. They will have their own equipment that will be cleaned after use.
- 7.2 Children will be encouraged to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.
- 7.3 Lunch will be eaten in their classrooms as a bubble in Year 1. Reception classes & Year 2 will eat in the school hall socially distant from other classes. Children will eat at the table. They will not get out of their seats. A lunchtime supervisor is attached to each bubble. LSA's will support the monitoring of toilets at busier times.

8. Rewards

- 8.1 Golden Time, as a choice of activities, will not be used during this time. Teachers and LSA's welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. Above all, praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible. Merit stickers going from school to home is permitted at this time. Walking through school to show their work to the Executive Executive Headteacher or another adult for acknowledgement and praise during this time will NOT be allowed, however a phone call to the HT or DHT can be made and they will praise and deliver stickers from the classroom doorway. Opportunities to give responsibility to children, for example, taking messages to other classes, helping younger children, peer tutoring across groups and being a play leader are not possible at this time.

9. Consequences

- 9.1 The current consequences that all teachers follow within school, have been amended. Withdrawal from the situation can be used but the withdrawal space must remain in the allocated classroom/ area/ bubble. Enlisting the help of a colleague by sending the child to another classroom for a short time is no longer an option due to staff capacity and safety measures in place for Covid-19.
- 9.2 Behaviour deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, handwashing, social distancing, remaining in their bubbles or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people, must be reported to the Executive Headteacher immediately.

10. Positive handling and restraint

- 10.1 There can be times when a pupil's behaviour requires staff physical support to ensure the pupils' own safety, the safety of other pupils and staff, or that property is not seriously damaged. This can require the use of physical interventions. At Burbage C of E Infant School we use Team Teach to do this.
- 10.2 In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the child's parents or carers will be called and asked to pick up their child immediately. The situation will then be reviewed by the Executive Headteacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn in favour of the online/virtual offer if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff.
- 10.3 Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE where appropriate WILL be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.