

Coronavirus addendum to the school behaviour policy

At the Ebbsfleet Academy we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which students are encouraged to have respect for each other and themselves. Whilst expectations in our behaviour policy remain pertinent it is necessary in light of the Covid-19 pandemic to make some adjustments for the safety of all students and staff. It is to be used in conjunction with and read alongside the behaviour policy.

This addendum applies until further notice.

It sets out changes and exceptions to our normal behaviour policy. Pupils, parents and staff should continue to follow our normal behaviour policy with respect to anything not covered in this addendum.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and students.

Arriving to school

Students should not group together, loiter in public areas, such as the shop, outside the pharmacy or any walkway on the school site leading to the school gates.

It is everyone's responsibility to adhere to the government guidelines so that we can all stay safe. Failure to comply with these basic expectations will result in a sanction

You should:

- Social distance at least 1 metre apart where at all possible
- Travel to school with students only from your year group (not possible on the school bus, siblings not included)
- If you travel by public transport (bus, train, taxi) you must wear a face covering
- Face coverings must be removed at the school gate, put in the bin provided or a secure plastic bag if reusable. You then must sanitise your hands.
- Walk directly to the school gates and enter the school site, the gates will be open from 8.10am
- Go directly to your year group line up position
- Do not congregate outside the gates, groups must be **four, no more** (Reminder this walkway is used by members of the public and primary school students)

Behaviour in School

These are exceptional times and everyone has a shared responsibility to ensure that we can keep everyone safe. Sanitiser is only to be used to sanitise your hands.

If a student's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their year group bubble, not following four, no more, or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people (not an exhaustive list). The following sanctions and disciplinary procedures will be used:

Detentions will be sat at the end of the day, in year group bubbles. Detentions will run for 30 minutes. Failure to attend a detention will lead to a 1 hour detention the following day. If the detention is not sat at the second opportunity the student is at risk of an exclusion.

Departing School

When you are in public you should not group together or loiter in public areas, such as the shop, outside the pharmacy or any walkway on the school site leading to the school gates.

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- If you travel by public transport (bus, train, taxi) you must wear a face covering
- Face coverings must only be worn once you leave the school gates
- Line up in single file at a safe distance for the school bus

Our normal school rules will continue to apply, especially the rule that asks students to keep their hands, feet and unhelpful comments to themselves. These new arrangements set out above form part of our new expectations alongside the other school rules.

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