

Ashleworth C of E Primary School



Covid-19 Addendum to Behaviour Policy

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Covid – 19 Recovery – Behaviour Policy and Procedures

This document forms an Appendix to our school behaviour policy and outlines our behaviour expectations and the procedures we are implementing during the recovery period. As the situation evolves, we will review and amend the actions we take in line with Government and local authority guidelines. At all times, throughout this period, the safety and well-being of ALL members of our school family is paramount and any decisions made will have this at the forefront.

The Government announced that all primary age children will return to school from Monday 8th March 2021. When children return, they will be separated into smaller groups and these groups will be kept separate from each other. This means that we will **all** have to adapt to a new way of working in school and how we use the facilities we have. We will do all that we can to make the children feel happy and secure as they settle back into school.

As children return, staff will focus upon settling them back into school. They will work with the children on reminding them of the changes that have been made and why school life is now different for all of us. There will be activities to ensure the children and staff feel safe and settled. There will be a mixture of time indoors and outside. We want the children to feel happy and confident about coming back into school.

During this time, we will be limiting the contact with parents and the access they have to the school site, as this reduces potential transmission vectors. Before and after school, wrap around care, will operate. Sports clubs will resume from Monday 19th April. Trips and activities will commence in line with government guidelines. Please rest assured that we are committed to providing the very best for your children whilst they are in our care.

If you have any concerns about your child's return to school, please let us know. You can message your child's teacher via Class Dojo, or send an email. Miss Daniels (SENDCo) is also available to answer your questions and she can be contacted by email.

Ensuring a safe school environment

As per the advice from Government, we will continue with the following infection control actions:

- Information posters outlining control measures displayed around the school. The children will be involved in producing these
- Encouraging good hygiene and promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds using warm water and soap at the following times throughout the day:
 - Before leaving home
 - On arrival at school
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and any outdoor activity
 - Before preparing food
 - Before eating any food or snacks
 - Before leaving school
- Ensuring soap and hand sanitiser is available

- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cough or sneeze with a tissue, or into their elbow, use a tissue and then to throw the tissue into the rubbish bin. Repeating the message of “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!” Reinforcing the message not to touch their mouth, nose and eyes
- Frequently touched objects and services will be cleaned regularly throughout the day
- Calling NHS 111 if someone becomes unwell, isolating the person in the staff room with access to a separate bathroom, if possible
- Telling staff to stay at home for seven days if they develop symptoms of coronavirus
- If a child is unwell, and subsequently tests positive for the virus, parents will be informed and the whole group should isolate for 10 days
- Encouraging children to socially distance in enclosed spaces and, depending on age, will be seated at separate tables 2 metres apart. The Government have advised schools that this is not necessary when children are in their small group, due to the other safety measures in place. Therefore, please do not expect your child to be 2 metres apart from other children at all times
- Keeping class group sizes below 30

NHS and government advice states that if your child displays symptoms of coronavirus they should stay at home for seven days. If their symptoms have not improved after seven days or they are worse, you should call 111. If a member of a child’s household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms started. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has the coronavirus, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

These are busy times of the day and it is vital that we continue with measures to maintain safe distances for everyone. Drop off and collection times will be staggered, as per the autumn term. We ask that you arrive at your allocated time, as this will help us in protecting everyone.

Only one parent/carer is permitted to drop pupils off and entrance onto the playground will not be permitted. We ask that you bring your child to the gateway by the Chill Out Area at your allocated time. A member of school staff will meet you and escort your child into school. To ensure we maintain safety, please leave immediately.

At the end of the day, arrive at your allocated time and wait (observing social distancing) for your child by the gateway. A member of staff will bring your child to you. Again, please leave immediately after collecting your child.

We ask that face masks are worn when dropping off and collecting your children.

Paperwork for the school office can be posted in the box in reception. If you wish to speak directly to Mrs Noyes, please phone or email.

Bringing things into school

Your child/children will need to bring a water bottle in daily. This will be brought home at the end of the day for cleaning.

Playtime snacks and packed lunches can be brought into school. Hot school lunches will be available from Monday 19th April.

No bags or other belongings will be allowed in school.

School uniform is to be worn except on PE days when we ask that kit is worn.

As the weather is becoming hotter, please provide your child with a named sunhat/cap. Sun cream must be applied before coming to school. Staff will not be able to help children with this.

To minimise transmission, we will be reducing the materials we send home from school.

Movement around school

Where possible, doors will be kept open, to minimise the need for touching door handles and to ensure rooms remain well ventilated.

Children will stay within their classroom spaces and entry and exit will be via the metal gate. They will only be permitted to use the toilets for their class.

Break and lunchtimes

It is important that children spend time outside and reacquainting themselves with their friends is an important part of school life.

Break times will be staggered meaning that Class 1 and Class 2 will be out at different times. The adventure playground will be used on a weekly rota basis. Teachers will work with the children on ideas for enjoying their time outdoors whilst still staying safe. Full use will be made of all available outdoor space.

Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms; children will stay with their group. Outdoor space will be utilised to ensure all children have time outside without groups mixing.

Equipment

Children will be given their own stationery appropriate to their age and stage of learning. No resources and/or toys will be shared between classes. If any outside resources are used, these will be class specific and will be for individual use. Children will have access to ipads and laptops.

First Aid

Please be assured that staff will continue to provide safe and effective First Aid when required, throughout the school day. Social distancing may not be possible in all circumstances, but the usual high standards of infection protection and control will be maintained. If a child feels unwell during the school day, their temperature will be taken (using a non-contact thermometer) and parents will be required to collect them.

Behaviour

We are proud of the standards of behaviour we have in school. Throughout this period, we will continue to use all the positive systems the children are familiar with.

Time will be spent talking to the children about any changes that we may need to make to the way that we behave and how we will do this. The children will be encouraged to ask questions and to share their thoughts and feelings. At all times, we will ensure the children know that any changes made are to ensure we all stay safe and healthy.

It is also important to address any issues of unacceptable behaviour and, in particular, those that relate to possible transmission of the coronavirus. Examples of unacceptable behaviours include; coughing directly into a person's face and spitting. These behaviours will not be tolerated and will result in the child being sent home.

I hope that these arrangements provide the information you need in order to support your child to return to school. As we review and adapt our provision, we will inform you of the changes made. On behalf of the staff and governors of Ashleworth, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Staff and Governors of Ashleworth C of E Primary School