

Behaviour Policy Covid-19 May 2020 updated September 2020

At the Brookfield School it is our aim to ensure that every member of the school community feels welcomed, supported and respected.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made some adjustments to the Behaviour Policy (which still remains) to further ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. The staff will work hard to explain the new rhythms and rules to the children and, will calmly coach them to adjust to a new way of happy and settled school life.

These adjustments are outlined below and comply with the government advice that can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings>

1. Arrival, Departure and Movement Around our School

Children will arrive at school in their allotted time slot where they will be met by their designated adults who will lead them through the office entrance door to their designated classroom base. They will be asked to maintain a 2m distance from any other individual where possible.

At their designated home time, children will be escorted to leave the building through the office entrance door. They will leave one at a time once their parent/ carer has arrived to collect them, again using the markers on the floor as guidance to maintain distance.

Movement around the school will be limited and will be in small groups.

2. Handwashing and Hygiene

All children and staff will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school and staff will work hard to educate pupils on the reasons behind the routines. Children will use antibacterial gel before entering the school. They will then use liquid soap or antibacterial hand gel before eating and at regular time periods throughout the day.

The children will follow the catch it, bin it, kill it approach when in school if they need to cough or sneeze. They will also be encouraged to use a tissue (or the crook of their arm) which they must place in a bin immediately after use. Children will be reminded and encouraged not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

3. Social Distancing

We will do our very best to ensure children social distance but we know that primary aged children and some older pupils with SEMH cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff at all times. This is why we have put the children into small groups (maximum of 7 pupils and 3 adults) which, as far as possible, will not be mixed at any time.

Pupils will have their own table spaced 2m apart. When children enter their base they will be expected to go directly to their table and not move around the classroom without careful guidance from their adult.

If a child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 they must **not** attend school. If someone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19 then they must not attend school. Instead the whole household should self-isolate and get tested as soon as possible.

4. Toilets

Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time. When a child has finished using the toilet they must wash their hands with soap and water. Staff will regularly wipe the toilet door handles throughout the day and dispose of the wipes in a bin. Older pupils will be expected to wipe the toilet set down using an anti-bacterial wipe.

5. Break and Lunch time

Each base will have an allotted time to be outside and they will have their own equipment which will be cleaned after use.

Lunch will be eaten in bases. If inside, they will eat at their tables at a social distance and they will be encouraged not to get out of their seats. Children will either have packed lunches or a cooked lunch which will be delivered to the children within their class base.

6. Rewards

Celebrating with the children has always been central to our practise at the Brookfield School and it will continue to be an integral part of school life but will look different:

- Staff will congratulate children and praise them regularly
- Each week the hub leader will nominate a child from each room to be a 'star'
- Each Star will receive a certificate and be celebrated through Facebook and through a video link with the Assistant Head teacher/ Head teacher

7. Positive Handling and Restraint

There can be times when a pupils' 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 intervention.

In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property parents will be called immediately to pick up their child. The headteacher will then review the situation with staff and a decision for whether onsite education can be maintained will be made. At all times, the safety of pupils and staff will be at the forefront of decision making.

Pupils Working from Home

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful to staff, remembering at all times that that staff are not 'friends' with, or peers to, pupils.

Pupils should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any peer to peer abuse including online bullying or inappropriate comments to staff online, via email, or any other platform will be taken very seriously and could result in a referral to the police.