

## **Addendum for Behaviour Policy during Covid 19**

The government has set out its intent and plan for all children to return to school full time from the start of September 2020. It is based on a twin strategy of limiting contact between pupils and implementing hygiene measures. Parents and carers must be aware that changes to routines including school start time, end times, playtimes and lunchtimes must be made to ensure the safety of the school and its community.

We understand the unprecedented school closure will have caused some children to experience feelings of anxiety. Special consideration will be given to the promotion of pupils' mental health and wellbeing whilst effectively reintegrating children back into school.

The Minster Infant School has prepared a risk assessment which details the measures to be taken to ensure children and staff remain safe whilst in the school environment. By ensuring pupils remain in consistent groups (bubbles) wherever possible, the number of contacts between different people across the school will be minimised.

It is imperative that all children follow the school's expectations, behaviour policy and risk assessment. These documents can be found on the school's website.

- The Minster Nursery and Infant School uses a range of strategies to support pupils in deescalating situations where a child displays extreme behaviours, which ultimately put themselves, members of staff or other children at risk of harm. Should there be an occasion where a child does not follow the school rules or expectations parents/carers will be contacted immediately and may be asked to collect their child.
- For children with EHCPs (Education Health Care Plans) an individual risk assessment will be completed. If any actions on the risk assessment are not adhered to a parent/carer will be contacted to discuss the situation and may be asked to collect their child.
- It is an expectation that whilst your child is in school, they must follow instructions for handwashing and use of equipment. Expectations about sneezing, coughing and tissue disposal will be shared regularly with pupils. This expectation should be reiterated at home by parents/carers in the best interests of all parties.
- Any serious breaches of hygiene, including spitting, biting, coughing at others, wiping fluids on others, will be taken incredibly seriously and as such, parents/carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect their child immediately.
- Children must follow guidance and instructions on how they are able to socialise in school with their peers, other year groups and staff. The expectation is that children follow instructions and stay in their 'bubble' or designated area, for the safety of themselves and others in school. Children will be reminded of these new routines. Should children choose not to abide by these instructions, this will constitute as a breach of the behaviour policy and parents/carers will be contacted and may be asked to collect their child.
- On return to school following an incident from the above a meeting will be required with a member of Senior Leadership Team. This is for the safety of the child, members of staff and other children in the school environment.