



Behaviour for Learning Policy

Covid – 19 Addendum

July 2020

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Aims

This document provides a framework to enable us to ensure that all of our children, regardless of background or circumstances, fulfil their potential within our Christian community. The school Christian Values of Respect, Friendship, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Compassion and Trust are applied when following this policy, and we will use this guidance to ensure that our children will be fully prepared for the future, with high self-esteem and having forged strong and respectful relationships with other people.

We want our children to be fully prepared for God's ever changing world.

Scope

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 pupils.

2. Expectations for pupils in school

2.1 New rules

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and make sure they are followed consistently.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure that their children follow the new procedures that have been put in place. If we feel some pupils may struggle with these rules we will invite their parents in and clarify expectations and adaptations, where appropriate.

- School start and finish times will be staggered and these times will be posted on the pupil's Google Classroom page and on the school app.
- Pupils are expected to wash/ sanitise their hands on entering the school, when moving to a different area, before and after activities, before lunch and after coughing, sneezing or touching their noses/ mouths.
- Each pupil will remain with the others from their class of 30, this will be their bubble. They will learn, eat and play with these pupils and must not mix with other pupils.
- Pupils will remain in their classrooms and with their bubble for the majority of the day, including lunch time. They will leave via their classroom to go to the playground to access the playgrounds. Rarely, a child may be asked to move with an adult to receive catch up/ boost or intervention in a different area of the school. They will wash/ sanitise their hands before entering a new location and will follow all instructions when walking through the school, following the 1 way system in place.
- If a pupil sneezes or coughs then they must use tissues and dispose of these following "catch it, bin it, kill it". They must avoid touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands and wash their hands thoroughly after the event.

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- Pupils must tell an adult if they feel unwell and their temperature will be taken. If there are concerns that the child is showing signs of COVID19 they will be isolated from their bubble and their parents contacted. Parents will be asked to come to the school and pick up their child, they will be asked to carry out a COVID19 test on their child and report the results to the school. PHE protection team will be informed and contact details shared where appropriate.
- All pupils will be provided with their own stationary / equipment and must not bring pencil cases etc. into school. If pupils share equipment it will be cleaned between uses.
- Pupils will continue to have morning and lunchtime breaks but these will be staggered and pupils will remain in their bubble within zoned areas, they **MUST NOT** leave their bubble or zone. If they do this will be seen as a breach of the school behaviour policy and sanctions will follow depending on the nature of the breach.
- Inside toilets will be labelled to indicate which toilet can be used by each bubble. Hands must be cleaned before going into the toilets and after use. Adults will identify when the toilet is free to be used to ensure only one person is in the toilet area.
- Outside toilets, as for inside toilets an adult will be stationed out each toilet to ensure there is single use of the space. No child may come into the school during lunch or break time without an adult.
- Any child who is caught coughing and spitting deliberately at others will be given a red card immediately and their parents/ carers will be called. If the nature of the incident is deemed severe then they may need to go home.

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

To help encourage pupils to follow the above rules, we will:

- Pupils at Ashford St Mary's will continue to follow our Good To Be Green (GTBG) positive approach to behaviour management. This approach uses our values of: Respect, Trust, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Compassion and Friendship to guide our community in their behaviour expectations.
- However, if pupils fail to show these values to each other, staff or the environment there will be sanctions.
- For minor transgressions pupils will receive verbal warnings which then escalate to Yellow Cards if they do not address their behaviours. It is our aim for all pupils to work towards staying green and getting back to green as soon as possible; staff will always support pupils in making the right choices in relation to their behaviours.
- Red Cards are given to pupils who show extreme behaviours both physically and verbally or as a consequence for repeated refusal to adhere to the behaviour policy. Red card sanctions can be a loss of break or lunch time play. Where Red Cards accumulate there will be sanctions linked to meeting with a member from the senior leadership team and contact with home.
- Behaviours that are considered to be more severe, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, including significant violence to other pupils, staff or the learning environment, verbal aggression and deliberate and potentially harmful breach of the COVID safe practice rules parents/ carers will be called to school for a meeting and the pupil may be sent home.
- We understand that school may seem a little different in September and pupils will need time to settle into the new way of working. We have been so impressed with the pupils who have been in during recent months and they have clearly demonstrated how well, even the youngest pupils can adapt with the support and encouragement of others.

2.3 Changed rules

Until further notice, we will alter the following school rules:

RESPECT FRIENDSHIP PERSEVERANCE FORGIVENESS COMPASSION TRUST

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- The [latest government guidance](#) says attendance will be mandatory from September 2020. We will expect all pupils to return in September, if you foresee a problem with this please contact school as soon as possible so we can support the return of your child to full time education. The government has reviewed the [guidance](#) on children who need to shield and in the rare case that your child falls into this category we will need medical evidence to support their absence from school. In these rare incidents we will invite you in to discuss a blended learning model.
- From September 2020, all pupils must wear uniform to school and follow normal school rules on uniform as set out in our [school uniform](#) policy. However, you will be told when your child has PE and on this day we expect them to wear their outdoor PE kit, this will reduce the need for bags to be brought into school and for pupils to change clothes. Please remember that pupils will need a coat for when rain is predicted even if it is light rain.

3. Expectations for pupils at home

3.1 Remote learning rules

If pupils are not in school due to isolation or shielding, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below.

- Parents should also read the rules and ensure their children follow them. Parents should contact admin1@st-marys-ashford.kent.sch.uk if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them with their learning.
- Parents and pupils must be contactable during school hours
- Pupils must complete work set by teachers; if a deadline is set it needs to be met on time
- Pupils may comment on tasks or work if they require help relating to the task . Google Classroom is not a forum for parent/ pupil discussions with staff.
- If pupils cannot access remote learning or tasks then parents may contact the teacher via admin1@st-marys-ashford.kent.sch
- Pupils must use proper online conduct, such as using appropriate language in messages, if they do not then their commenting rights will be revoked

4. Monitoring arrangements

- We will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and as a minimum every 4 weeks by the Senior Leadership Team. At every review, it will be approved by a member of the Governing Body

5. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child protection policy
- Behaviour policy
- Health and safety policy
- Attendance Policy