



Addendum to Behaviour Policy

At Shamblehurst Primary School we expect all pupils to behave in a way that is respectful and caring towards each other. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we will make it clear to all our children the important part that they play in keeping us all safe.

From May 22nd 2020 we have updated our behaviour policy to incorporate advice from the Department for Education in how best to ensure children and staff remain safe during this pandemic. We understand that this can be a scary time for children and are committed to working with you to keep your children and our staff safe. When children are scared or worried, we know that their behaviour can change. We are committed to ensuring they feel safe within school and will be working with the children to ensure that they understand their part in this.

*Children need to follow the school's guidelines on how they enter and leave the school site.

*Children need to follow the school's instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising.

*Children need to adhere to rules at playtimes regarding socialising with their peers – including trying to maintain safe distances.

*Children need to move around school safely and follow any one-way systems that the school has in place.

*Children need to know our 'catch it, bin it, kill it' expectation around sneezing and coughing. They need to know to put tissues in the lidded bins provided and to avoid touching their mouths, nose and eyes with their hands. They need to know that if they sneeze or cough they immediately wash their hands.

*Children need to know that they should tell an adult if they have any coronavirus symptoms – a cough, a temperature or that they feel poorly.

*Children need to know they must not share water bottles, food or equipment.

*Children need to know where their pod is able to play and what types of games they can play.

*Children need to know they cannot play football.

*Children need to know that when they use the toilet they only use the toilet allocated to their pod/bubble. They need to know that they behave sensibly and wash their hands thoroughly.

*Children need to know that they must not deliberately cough or spit at any other person.

*Children need to know that their behaviour must not compromise the safety of their pod/bubble eg: they cannot leave the room in temper or behave in a way that an adult would have to 'hold' them in order to keep them safe. They need to know this is not safe for them or the adults.

At Shamblehurst we have adults who are trained in Team Teach. Team Teach strategies predominately focus on verbal de-escalation, however there maybe times when an adult needs to touch a child to keep them safe by using a Team Teach method for example holding them or through an assisted walk. Staff will continue to use these Team Teach strategies to ensure the safety of all children and staff in school. If any kind of hold or assisted walking has been used, the children will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly immediately. If they refuse, they will be sent home. This is due to our commitment in keeping everyone safe in these unprecedented time.

Due to the nature of this virus and the rate that we know it can spread, our behaviour policy will not follow the usual warnings that children have been given. If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their pods or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people. They will be sent home. We cannot follow our usual guidelines of warnings and then sending to another class etc as this is not possible under the current guidelines of the use of pods in schools. If the adults within the pod feel that a child is unsafe, they will be sent home immediately.

If any child is sent home, the situation will then be reviewed by the Headteacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn in favour of the online/virtual offer if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff. We will keep parents informed about any concerns that we have regarding children's behaviour.