

Behaviour policy: coronavirus addendum

Emneth Academy



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1. 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. Parents should contact **Barney Rimmer (Principal)** 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 to integrate back into school life.

Entering and leaving the site.

- There are staggered starts to ensure that children do not ‘bottle neck’ when entering the school site.
- When they are in the building, children will either wash their hands or use sanitising gel provided by the staff.
- Staff will need to enter the site through the normal entrance. They will need to sanitise/wash hands on the way into school before signing in.
- Any late arrivals will not be permitted into the school – after admitting all the children the site is designated as secure.

Classroom practice.

- The classrooms have been set out to ensure that there is appropriate distancing from each other. Tables will be in lines facing the front and staff should maintain a safe distance at all times.
- Children will wash hands in the morning and it is important that the children wash their hands at regular intervals during the day (as per pre-lockdown).
- Expectations for behaviour will be as expected and following the academy policy. Children will be made aware of the need to social distance and how to behave in the playground i.e. stay in their class bubble. Any child not meeting the expectations, parents will be contacted. **Please note – children will struggle with this and will forget! This relates to children who are blatantly ignoring members of staff*

Children will only be required to bring in the following into school:

- Reading bag (if appropriate).
- Reading book.
- Lunch box (if appropriate) & drinks bottle.
- Letter/permission slips. Although we will try to keep this to email and class dojo.
- There is an adjusted parental agreement that all parents are aware of.

Break & lunchtimes.

- This will be staggered to ensure that all children have access to the playground and fresh air.
- The playground will be split into 4 sections which will allow each class to have their own 'bubble' outside.
- In the short term there will be no ball games allowed at break and the outdoor apparatus will be out of bounds.
- At the end of any break or lunchtime, the children will need to be sent in to wash their hands/sanitise before entering the classroom/going outside.

Other factors to be aware of.

- Sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Each class bubble has their own allocated toilet area. They will be regularly sanitized through the day.
- Children must inform staff if they feel unwell during the day. Staff will then follow the Academy plan.

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

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

Continue to apply the rewards of the Behaviour policy, including use of 'Class dojo' to ensure parents are aware of positive behaviours in school.

However, if pupils fail to follow these rules, we will:

- Use the behaviour policy.
- Inform the SLT of the Academy.
- Inform parents if behaviour persists and potentially places others at risk.
- Further sanctions can be used if there is no change in behaviour.

2.3 Changed rules

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

- Expectations for attendance – the [latest government guidance](#) says attendance will be mandatory from September. The Academy will be reverting back to normal expectations and procedures in school (see Attendance policy). If there are any concerns then parents/carers must contact the school to discuss further and look at possible solutions.

Expectations for uniform –the Academy will be reverting back to normal uniform policy and expectations from the start of September 2020. If there are any concerns regarding uniform please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or the front office. On a PE day, children must wear their PE kit to avoid having to change on this day. This is part of minimising risk in school.

3. Expectations for pupils at home

3.1 Remote learning rules

If pupils are not in school, 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 Barney Rimmer (Principal) 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 remote learning.

- Be contactable during required times – although take into account that pupils may not always be in front of a device the entire time
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work
- Use proper online conduct, such as using appropriate language in messages

3.2 Dealing with problems

If there are any problems with pupils adhering to rules around remote learning, including if they don't engage with the remote learning set for them, we will:

Please contact the class teacher through class dojo or via email/telephone. Develop a programme of study that will ensure that the child can access the learning, as well as being given opportunities to support parents with delivery of learning.

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 or as is appropriate with government updates. This will be conducted by the Principal, alongside the EMAT Trust.

5. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child protection policy during COVID
- Behaviour policy
- Health and safety policy
- Home school agreement (See appendix i)
- September plans
- Risk Assessment for plans



Emneth Academy Home School Agreement – amended for September 2020

THE PARENTS/CARERS WILL:

- Ensure that their child attends the academy on time, at the agreed time.
- Please be aware that the school will be shut and secure, so children will not be allowed in school if they are late.
- Let their children know that when dropping off, parents cannot go past the striped line.
- Notify the academy by telephone on the first day of absence.
- Notify the academy immediately if you, your immediate family or child have any symptoms of Corona Virus.
- Let the academy know about any concerns or problems that might affect their child's work or behaviour.
- Support the academy's policies and guidelines for behaviour and discipline.
- Support their child in opportunities for home learning.
- Support the staff in their efforts to make the academy a caring community by following social distancing both inside and outside the school site.
- Inform the academy of any changes to contact details.
- Show respect to all members of academy staff.
- Be respectful of staff, pupils and other parents on social media.

THE ACADEMY WILL:

- Provide a safe, secure and caring learning environment as much as we are able to.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness, and letting you know about any concerns or problems.
- Ensure that your child achieves their full potential as a member of the academy community.
- Provide a balanced curriculum with a 'daily diet that will meet the individual needs of each pupil.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Contact parents/carers about your child's behaviour, progress and if they complain about feeling unwell.
- Communicate between home and the academy through email, dojo, phone-call.
- Ensure all members of the academy's staff show respect to parents/carers.

THE PUPIL WILL:

- Always listen carefully to instructions, especially about social distancing and hygiene.
- Tell a member of staff if you feel unwell.
- Attend the academy regularly and on time.
- Only bring in packed lunch and a drinks bottle.
- Make sure they remain within their 'bubble'.
- Complete their work to a good standard.
- Be polite and helpful to others and keep the academy principles – Ready, Respect, Safe.
- Help to keep the academy a safe environment.

