



COVID-19 Behaviour Management Annex for schools of the Vale Academy Trust

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In accordance with Government guidance, our school will reopen to (**year 6**) on Tuesday 2nd June 2020, Year 1 on Thursday 4th June and Foundation Stage on Monday 8th June. In planning for this reopening we have made the safety of our pupils, staff and parents the number one priority, and in order to provide the safest possible environment (and to adhere to Government guidance) we have implemented **a new set of expectations, which must be observed by all children.**

These expectations are set out below and are in addition to those already laid out in our regular behaviour management policy and procedures, which you can find on our website.

On their first day back to school, children will be helped to understand the new expectations and will take home a summary to discuss with parents. In addition, all children will be given regular reminders throughout the day and receive positive recognition when they get it right.

In order for children to become familiar with these new expectations as quickly as possible, it would be enormously helpful if parents were to explain to their children what the new expectations are and why they are important.

We are absolutely committed to providing the best possible educational experience for all children during this extraordinary period, but we are also very mindful that nothing is more important than the health and safety of all members of the school community. With this in mind, if we determine that a child is deliberately or persistently putting others at risk we may have to move quickly in separating the child from others and call the parents to discuss how we move forward. We have adapted our normal processes for isolation and exclusion to reflect the current circumstances, but of course we hope they will not be needed.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions on any aspect of pupil behaviour.

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Social distancing:

- Always arrive at school and leave school at the times you have been given
- If you come to school on a bike, please store it in the bike racks while maintaining a safe distance from other children and adults
- Always quickly follow the instructions of the teachers
- Stay in your own seat in the classroom or sit in the space you have been asked to.
- Keep a sensible distance from other children as you move around the classroom/school or when lining up. Do not touch other children or staff.
- Put up your hand if you want to speak to the teacher instead of moving from your seat.
- In the playground, **as much as is reasonably possible**, stay 2 metres apart from other children, this means not playing contact games such as TAG.
- Do not enter the toilet if there are more than 2 people in there.
- Stay in your assigned group (your hub). This means you stay apart from children and adults in other bubbles.
- Follow the instructions on moving around the school.
- Do not enter any areas that are out of bounds
- When outside, only play in the area that you have been told you are able to.

Infection control:

- **You must not cough or spit towards any other person.**
- You will be given equipment to use – do not share equipment. Follow the rules your teacher gives you.
- Do not share water bottles (you must bring your own and leave it in school, for your use only).
- If you sneeze or cough you must cover your mouth with the crook of your elbow, or preferably use a tissue using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Wash your hands using soap and water for 20 seconds when you have been asked to do so.

If you feel unwell:

- If you feel poorly at home you must tell your parents straight away and you must not come to school.
- If you feel poorly at school you must tell a teacher straight away so your parents can be contacted.
- If you feel anxious or worried, tell you parents or your teacher straight away.

Deliberate or **persistent** non-observance of these expectations will be taken very seriously. We cannot compromise on safety and therefore parents will be contacted immediately if we feel that any child is deliberately or persistently placing other children or staff at increased risk.