

Behaviour policy: Coronavirus Addendum

Rossendale School



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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 behavior 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.

These new rules will be as follows

- When arriving at and leaving school the pupils will be allowed from /to their vehicle one taxi at a time this is to ensure that pupils can keep social distancing.
- Pupils from year 7 upwards will be required to wear mask when walking around school ie corridors or when they can't maintain a 2 metre distance (except those that are exempt for medical reasons) (from 17th May 2021 – the government advice changed that pupils in school no longer needed to wear mask – unless there is variant of concern – as of the 17th May we do have a variant of concern the India strain so with advice from Local LEA we will continue to wear masks in school)
- Pupils will be expected to follow the hygiene system in place across school – this will be to wash hand frequently, sanitise their hands on entering or leaving a building (using the sanitising area at each individual external door).
- To help reduce the number of contacts in school between pupils – we will be having 4 group “bubbles.

Bubble 1 Lower school (main school)

Bubble 2 Upper school (main school)

Bubble 3 Primary and year 7 (Rawtenstall campus)

Bubble 4 Year 11 and sixth form (Rawtenstall campus)

Whilst in school these bubbles will remain separate, they will have separate breaks and separate dinner times; they will not mix in school.

- The pupils must follow the one-way system in the main school building and the dining room.
- If a child sneezes or coughs they must use the tissues provided and then dispose of them in the bins (catch it, bin it, kill it) and avoid touching their mouths, nose and eyes until they have washed/sanitised their hands.
- Pupils should tell a staff member if they are feeling unwell – and tell them what symptoms they are experiencing. They must then follow staff direction which may include to self-isolate in a designated room away from others.
- Pupils must not share pens and pencils; they will be given their individual ones from the teacher. Pupils can share books if used within their “bubble”.

- Parents must keep their child off school if they or a member of their household is showing symptoms of Coronavirus. They must then get checked and inform school if they have tested positive.
- Pupils using the toilet must wipe down the toilet seat and handles after use, using the wipes supplied.
- Pupils must not cough or spit at or towards any other person.

2.2 Pupils not following the rules:

If a pupil fails to follow the rules the following may apply

- Verbal warning
- Working away from their group
- Seeing a member of the senior leadership team
- Loss of break – whilst staff explain why the rules are in place
- Contact with parents
- In extreme measures if a child keeps putting others at risk this may result in them working from home until a meeting with parents can be arranged.

2.3 Attendances

> Expectations for attendance – the [latest government guidance](#) says attendance will be mandatory from September.

We understand that many pupils and parents have a lot of anxiety about returning to school – in the summer term the majority of pupils did attend school for part of each week and quickly got used to the safe way of working in school – this will hopefully reduce their anxieties over the summer holidays as the safe practice will continue in September.

For those pupils who did not come in to school there is support from key workers and the school therapists are available.

- Expectation of uniform – throughout this pandemic to ensure the pupils of consistency there has been an expectation that all pupils in school continue to wear their school uniforms.
- From September the same rules will apply. All pupils should be in their full school uniform.

3. Expectations for pupils in residence

Behaviour in residence

Pupils will be invited back in to residence in September to join the funded residence who have been attending throughout the pandemic.

For day pupils to access the residential setting they must adhere to the following rules:

- They must follow the hygiene rules of regular hand washing and using the hand sanitise when entering or leaving the home.
- They must observe social distancing and no physical contact with other pupils in residence.
- They must not touch any belongs of other residents.
- They must not go in any other resident's room.
- They must make their own beds using their designated quilts on arriving on the evening of residence and remove and safely store their bedding on the morning they are leaving residence.
- They must help staff to clean their bedroom, cleaning any area that they have touched.
- They must follow the guidance and instructions around safety given to them by the staff members on shift.

- They must take all their belongings from their room when they are leaving.

For any day pupils who do not follow the rules and jeopardise the safety of others, they may put the offer of time in residence at risk – this will be discussed between the Head of Care, staff on duty and their parents.

4. 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

Mrs Kane (Head Teacher) 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.

- Complete the work to the deadlines set by the teacher.
- Seek help if they are struggling, either speak to their keyworker or email their teacher /form tutor.
- Alert the school if they are not able to complete the work.
- Use proper on-line conduct such as using appropriate language in messages.

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

- Contact the parents to see if there are any issues the school can help to address.
- The teacher/keyworker may go out to speak to the child (keeping to social distancing).
- The pupil may be asked to catch up the work not completed in their breaks or after school sessions when they return to school.

5. Monitoring arrangements

Mr Jones (Head of Care) will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and as a minimum of every half term.

6. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

Child protection policy

Behaviour policy

Health and safety policy