



## Aim

The aim of this update is to ensure that everyone understands the ways in which we must manage our behaviour to keep everyone safe from the risk of infection; to ensure that where behaviour is unsafe, we are able to modify the behaviour quickly, effectively and fairly; and that different approaches may be appropriate when distinguishing between unintentional unsafe behaviour and intentional unsafe behaviour.

## Our Approach

At CP Riverside School, we recognise that returning after such a long time at home presents a unique and challenging set of circumstances. We accept that students will take time to settle in and establish themselves in a routine and that it will feel strange for them to be back in school and in classrooms with their teachers and peers. Some students may feel anxious or nervous about their return to school and we will ensure that all students receive the support that they need.

The main aim of these expectations is to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus, but we recognise that things can go wrong when children are learning new habits and routines. Should this happen, staff will consider what risk has been posed and whether any immediate mitigation needs to take place (e.g. washing of hands), before responding to the problem as an opportunity for further learning (e.g. by reminding and reinforcing the expectations or by discussing the risks of the behaviours).

Should a student behave in a deliberately unsafe way (for example, by deliberately coughing or spitting on someone, or by moving into someone else's class), we will take this very seriously. Again, the first course of action is to consider whether any immediate mitigation is necessary. The problem will still be approached as an opportunity for further learning, but will also prompt urgent discussion with the student's parents or carers and the possible implementation of further sanctions.

There are some additions and amendments to school expectations that all students must follow.

## Our Expectations

To keep one another safe you must...

- Stay 2m from one another
- Use your own workstation and equipment each day that you are in school
- Work in the class that you have been assigned
- Move around school using markings and directions and avoiding other people.
- Follow our hygiene instructions:
  - never cough, sneeze or spit towards another person
  - catch all coughs and sneezes in a tissue and throw it away (catch it, bin it, kill it), then wash our hands
  - wash hands frequently (including whenever we are asked to), with soap and water for 20 seconds (sing happy birthday twice) or with hand sanitiser if soap and water is not available.

These expectations have been explained in further detail below:

## Social Distancing

We will follow the government guidance on Social Distancing. Students should respect the 2m rule. Where it is marked out in classrooms and around school it should be followed without exception. This applies during break times as well as in classrooms. There should be no physical contact between students.

## **Classes**

We are limiting the number of students in each classroom to 4 students to ensure that they remain at least two meters apart. Students have been assigned a class in which to work until government guidance in school is relaxed. Each class has been grouped to ensure that students can still receive an appropriate level of education and support. It will not be possible to change these groupings before the end of this academic year without consultation between school leaders and parents/carers and the student and consideration of the wider implications for the safe running of the school day

## **Work Stations and Equipment**

In classrooms, students must follow instructions from members of staff at all times this is especially important with regards to seating instructions and entering and leaving classrooms. Students will be asked to sit at a specified desk in a classroom. This will be their learning position for each day that they attend school until government guidance changes.

Each student will be supplied with a tray that has all of the learning materials that they need including any items of stationery. To reduce the risk of infection, students must use and return all of the stationery to their tray at the end of each lesson.

## **Moving around School**

A number of changes have taken place since students last entered the school building. Some of the changes include the introduction of walkways in corridors, new classroom layouts and less furniture in classrooms. These changes have been made to make it easier for everyone to respect social distancing and make safe choices. Before school starts, you will be shown areas that are different and how to move safely around the school.

## **Hygiene**

We have taken measures to ensure that we have supplies of tissues, hand wipes and hand sanitizer to ensure students remain as clean and safe as possible

We are following government guidelines and regular hand washing will be compulsory for all students after using the toilets, before eating and at regular intervals throughout the session.

We would also ask students to bring tissues to school so they can cover their mouth if they cough or sneeze. If students have sanitizer they will be allowed to apply it at regular intervals although students will also have the facility to wash their hands with soap and water in the toilets.

We will be operating a one-in-one-out policy for using the toilets to maintain social distancing.

Arrangements have been made to ensure the school is cleaned each afternoon in preparation for the following school day.

## **Uniform**

Students are required to wear full school uniform for the days that they attend face-to-face support in school.

Students may wear their own plain face mask or gloves as long as they are sensible in their use. Masks and gloves will also be made available to students should they wish to use them while in school.

## **Mobile Phones**

The expectations on mobile phones remain unchanged, in short, students will be required to place them in a zip-lock bag before they are held securely in the Main Office. Mobile phones will be returned to students as they leave the building at the end of the morning session.

## **Entering and Leaving the School Site**

All students will be required to enter the school through the main car-park gates and wait at the green gate nearest to Study Zone. Each morning, all students are required to have their temperature taken using

a forehead thermometer. This thermometer reading will be taken without touching the skin of students. If students refuse to have their temperature checked, they will be refused entry until they wish to comply.

If the thermometer records a temperature of 37.8°C or less, the student will be asked to take off any outerwear such as coats and place them in a bag. Students will then walk to the Medical Room fire door and place all outerwear and belongings in a bag before entering the building. Students will then be asked to wash their hands before placing their belongings in our Music Studio. Students will not have access to their belongings until the end of the school day.

Once students have completed these tasks, they will then be directed to their classroom.

Once the school day has ended, students will complete the same process but in reverse before leaving the school building.

### **School Timings**

School will be providing education for students between 09:00 and 12:00. Students should only attend CP Riverside School on their allocated day. Students will be refused entry if they attend school on a day that has not been predetermined and communicated to parents/carers. Students are expected to arrive between 08:50 and 09:00 in readiness to make a prompt start.

Students that arrive after 09:00 risk not being admitted because of increased risks and additional contacts with staff. If parents/carers are aware that their child is going to be late for school, they should contact the school on 0115 986 4098 so that plans can be made in anticipation of the student's arrival.

There will be no facility for students to stay on-site to wait for friends or transport.

### **Challenging Behaviour and Physical Intervention**

In the unlikely event that a student chooses not to comply with staff requests and the situation could lead to physical intervention being required, we will make contact with parents/carers and send the student home on health and safety grounds.

If a situation leads to any form of physical intervention being used, this may result in fixed-term exclusion followed by a reintegration meeting. At this time, we can not allow students to put themselves, their peers and staff at risk through behaviour that results in staff having to break social distancing rules. This response to inappropriate behaviour will remain until government guidelines withdraw the social distancing regulations

Behaviour that deliberately undermines the safety measures that the school has put in place or risks the safety of students or staff will not be tolerated. If incidents occur then they will be treated as high-level behavioural incidents and sanctioned accordingly.

Examples might include:

- Deliberately ignoring the social distancing measures put in place by the school
- Spitting at another student/member of staff
- Deliberately coughing at a student/member of staff
- Behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to students/staff about the current situation

The school continues to have a range of disciplinary powers including exclusion (as set out in government guidance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing#behaviour-and-exclusions>) and where it is deemed necessary for the safety of students and staff it may be utilised.