



Brown's School Behaviour Policy COVID-19 Addendum



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Covid-19 Addendum

Brown's School believes that all students have the right to be taught in a safe environment to enable them to optimise their learning and achievement. We expect all students to develop self-discipline and respect for others and to feel valued and supported. The school promotes the values of honesty, tolerance and fairness within a caring and nurturing environment.

Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain relevant, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safe return to school of pupils and staff.

The school recognises that for some pupils, including those with attachment disorders, and particularly for those with Autism, the change in routines and lack of familiarity will require additional readjustment.

This addendum should be read in conjunction with the school's Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, E-Safety Policy and Peer-on-Peer Abuse Policy.

The adjustments are set out below:

The main message remains that, if a child is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, they must not be sent to school (COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection). If a pupil develops symptoms whilst at school, he/she will be put in isolation until he/she can be sent home whereby a test should be arranged. In accordance with updates to guidance, students do not need to isolate if they live in the same household as a positive case or any other deemed 'close contact'. The school will be following the NHS Test and Trace guidance and would expect families to do the same.

Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school

Pupils will arrive at school and line up using the designated queueing system. Once they are let into school, they will sanitise their hands before proceeding straight to the waiting bay of their allocated form room. These areas will be permanently monitored by staff. Waiting bays will be used by pupils throughout the day and provide designated areas for them to safely queue for their lessons. These areas will be permanently supervised by staff. To further reduce congestion, the school has created one-way systems for pupils to move around the school safely, although strict social bubbles do not need to be adhered to at this time.

Hand Washing and Hygiene

Regular hand washing and sanitising has been built into the timetable to ensure that high standards of hygiene are maintained. Pupils have been asked to bring their own tissues, wipes and sanitiser if possible. High use items such as door handles, light switches, etc will also be cleaned regular throughout the day in classrooms and public areas.

We are following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routine when in school. If a pupil needs to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or use the crook of their arm. Tissues should be put immediately in the bin. Pupils will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while in school.

Should a pupil choose not to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below), however staff at Brown's School should be mindful of our pupils' difficulties and need for overlearning/reminders.



Social Distancing

Staff will ensure that pupils, wherever possible, students are mindful social distancing advice. Where pupils are deliberately not complying, the usual disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used.

Lunchtimes and Playtimes

Although strict social bubbles are no longer necessary, the school will continue to implement designated times and areas for form groups to socialise during break and lunch times. Pupils must stay in their designated area. This system has made social times more manageable and will be easier to enforce stricter rules should restrictions escalate again. Lunches will be carried around in bags throughout the day or left in lockers and the school will not be able to store them together in a central location as normal.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to attend in school uniform, as usual, but will be asked to limit the items they bring into school to things that are strictly necessary, i.e. their lunch, a bottle of water and PE kit. Pupils will be able to use exercise books and textbooks as normal but should not share frequently used items such as pens. Students will be allowed to attend school in their PE kits on their designated PE days.

Face coverings

Latest guidance (December 2021) states that face coverings will be required in communal areas for all staff and senior students, unless they are exempt. The use of face coverings in lessons remains optional.

Rewards

Pupils will be praised for following the rules as well as for good work, attitude and behaviour. Praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible as we acknowledge that the lockdown period may have had an impact on children's and young people's behaviour upon return to school. Some may present with anxiety or frustration and some may have experienced bereavement or loss. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, will require a great deal of additional input and encouragement from staff.



Hygienic Behaviour in school

Staff will explain to pupils what hygienic behaviour is and any deliberate non-hygienic behaviour will be treated with the utmost severity. Un-hygienic behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- ∞ Spitting
- ∞ Fake coughing
- ∞ Throwing tissues on the floor
- ∞ Purposefully going against social distancing guidelines
- ∞ Chewing gum
- ∞ Deliberately touching other people's belongings
- ∞ Any act which may increase the chances of transmission of the virus.

Any of the above behaviour may result in pupils being sent home and excluded. Any instances of behaviour identified as deliberate unhygienic will be logged on our serious misbehaviour log as incidences of bullying and risk assessments on those pupils will be undertaken.

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This policy will be reviewed in January 2022.