**Behaviour Policy Amendment in response to Covid-19**

This amendment is to be read in conjunction with our Behaviour Policy and Home-school agreement.

We want pupils and staff to feel safe, happy and reassured when they return to Bocking school. We want our children to feel secure in the knowledge that measures are in place to try and limit the transmission of Covid-19. We are working on creating an environment that is, and feels physically and emotionally safe for all of us.

The return to school for some of our children could also induce feelings of stress due to the new routines and changed environment. All staff in school will be aware of this and we will adapt our responses accordingly. We will constantly model and coach around these new expectations, behaviours and routines and always reassure and reframe any negative perceptions. We ask all staff to seek to reinforce positive behaviours we wish to see, leading by example at all times.

To protect the health and safety of pupils and staff and to limit the spread of Covid-19, we have put in place some strict guidelines for pupils to follow.

**Reasonable Adjustments**

**Please be aware that the following reasonable adjustments have been made in addition to our Behaviour Policy and will take effect from the 8th June 2020 until further notice.**

* All pupils are to arrive and leave the school at the times designated to their bubble.
* All pupils must follow instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing.
* All pupils must move around the school as per specific instruction such as following the new one-way system, out of bounds areas and queuing.
* All pupils will be encouraged to ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ when sneezing/coughing and will be discouraged from touching their mouth, nose or eyes.
* All pupils must inform an adult if they are feeling unwell.
* All pupils must only use their own personal set of stationery.
* All pupils must stay away from out of bound areas and follow instructions for outside timetabling and spaces.
* All pupils must only use the toilets designated to their bubble and only under the instruction of an adult.
* All pupils must follow rules about coughing or spitting at/towards another person.
* It is expected that outside / after school, parents will follow social distancing guidance and not meet with more people than government allows and that children will not be visiting other people’s houses.

Challenging, complex and unsafe behaviours involve a very small proportion of children.

Some of these behaviours will result in sanctions, as detailed below.

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| Behaviour | Action | Sanction |
| Not following school instructions of hygiene, such as handwashing. | Adults to model and more closely supervise.  Parents informed and provision and approach discussed. | Should this become persistent, a behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |
| Running away from adults to access out of bounds areas. | Adults to explain the reasoning and de-escalate using appropriate strategies.  Parents informed and provision and approach discussed. | Should this become persistent, a behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |
| Not following designated routes around school. | Adults model correct movement around the school and more closely supervise. | Should this become persistent, a behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |
| Spitting, licking and/or biting others.  Physical aggression involving skin to skin contact. | Remove other children and adults to a safe distance.  Parents informed and provision and approach discussed.  Contact the parents of the child who has been spat at. | The pupil will be sent home for a fixed term exclusion of at least 2 days.  A behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |
| Deliberately coughing in the direction of other pupils and/or adults. | Remove other children and adults to a safe distance.  Parents informed and provision and approach discussed.  Contact the parents of the child who has been coughed at. | The pupil will be sent home for a fixed term exclusion of at least 2 days.  A behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |
| Deliberately making any inappropriate/insensitive comments or displaying insensitive behaviours linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. | Explain to the child why what they have done is inappropriate.  Parents informed and provision and approach discussed.  Speak to the child who has been affected and contact their parents. | Should this become persistent, a behaviour risk assessment may be undertaken which may indicate that it would not be safe for the child to be in school. |