



## **Behaviour Policy Covid-19 Addendum June 2020**

At Balfour Junior Academy, we are committed to maintaining a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other.

Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below.

The school recognises that this is a new way of working for all of us. Children will need regular / daily reminders about what the new and 'safe' expectations are. Children are naturally social and would gravitate towards each other and staff. At all times, staff need to take a measured and age appropriate approach when reminding children about what is acceptable. Children's well-being and mental health needs to be at the forefront of every staff member's mind.

### **Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.**

Children will enter school through the designated entrance. Children will enter individually and walk directly to their assigned classroom, keeping their distance from any other individual.

Staggered timings to the start of the school day will be scheduled so that groups of pupils can enter gradually, avoiding any unnecessary congregating. Similarly, staggered timings will be scheduled at the end of the day so that children can leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave from designated areas one at a time when parents have arrived to collect them, again keeping their distance, unless they are Y6 pupils who have parental permission to travel to and from school alone.

Movement around the school will be limited due to staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. Children will be escorted by an adult during all transitions on their designated routes around the school.

### **Handwashing and Hygiene**

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Hand sanitiser and soap/water will be used upon entering the school in the morning, after break times, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

Children will adopt and follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' guidance when in school. If they need to cough or sneeze, they should do so into a tissue. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures in line with the school's usual behaviour management policy will be followed. If a child persistently refuses to follow safety guidelines, their parents will be contacted.

### **Social Distancing**

Year 6 children will be separated into bubbles of a maximum of 15 and will remain in these groupings each day to minimise contact with others. Pupils whose parents are Keyworkers will work in the school hall, with a group size of a maximum of 30.

All children will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field at all times. Each pupil will have their own individual workstation and will use stationery provided for themselves only. Children will not share stationery equipment.

When children enter classrooms/the hall, they will be expected to go straight to their table and nowhere else in the room, unless directed. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support, they will not get out of their seats. Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, disciplinary procedures in line with the school's usual behaviour management policy will be followed. If a child persistently refuses to follow social distancing measures, their parents will be contacted.

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible. Cloakrooms will be out of use and all personal belonging will be kept on and underneath desks.

### **Toilets**

Each group of children will have designated toilets to use. These will be clearly labelled with a poster. Children will only be permitted to use the toilets one at a time. When a child has finished in the toilet, they must wash their hands before returning to their group.

### **Break and Lunch times**

Zoned areas where children can play at break and lunchtimes will available on the playground and field. Children will be required to remain within these areas. All equipment used will be cleaned after use. Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Staff will be provided with a list of socially distant game ideas. Lunch will be eaten in the designated classroom for the group.

### **Rewards**

We will continue to follow our behaviour guidelines during Covid-19. Children who are attending school will continue to receive recognition for following school rules consistently, good work and attentive learning behaviours.

Pupils who are accessing home learning materials will receive praise from staff via messages and comments on Teams.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will continue to welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. Above all, praise, positivity and encouragement should be used as much as possible.

### **Positive Handling & Restraint**

There can be times when a pupil's behaviour requires staff physical support to ensure the pupils' own safety, the safety of other pupils and staff, or that property is not seriously damaged. This can require the use of physical interventions. At Balfour Juniors we use Team Teach to do this. In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the child's parents or carers will be called and

asked to pick up their child immediately. The situation will then be reviewed by the Headteacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn in favour of the online/virtual offer if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff. Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE where appropriate will be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.

### **Pupils working from home.**

When interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and staff, remembering at all times that that staff are not 'friends' with, or peers to, pupils.

Students should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any inappropriate comments to staff online, via email, or any other platform will be taken very seriously. This is also the case of for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school during this time.