

# Behaviour Policy



## Annex A

In light of the need for children to behave differently when they return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the new systems that have put in place to support this, the following changes have been made to this policy:

All children will be expected to adhere to the following routines:

### Departure and arrival

- Adhere to the one-way system and go immediately to your classroom upon arrival at school
- Do not arrive before the specified opening time, as it is essential that we avoid groups congregating outside the academy site
- DO NOT use any of the playground equipment during arrival or departure
- DO NOT bring scooters or bikes onto school site

### Hygiene

- Children must wash their hands on arrival in school, before and after break and lunch times, after using the toilet and before they leave to go home
- Children must wash and dry their hands thoroughly according to the guidance
- Children must ONLY use the toilet that has been allocated to their year group
- Children must make sure they flush the toilet properly, do not put anything in the toilet that shouldn't be there and that cannot be flushed away and wash their hands for at least 20 seconds
- If children have their own hand sanitiser, this must be named and used by them only

### Break and lunchtimes

- Children may only play with the other children from their year group
- Children may only use the equipment provided for their year group
- Children should not play contact sports
- Children will not be able to use the large equipment on the playground
- All children will be encouraged to avoid physical contact with one another
- Children will work hard to keep their classroom floor tidy when eating their lunch. They will stay seated while they are eating and will wait for everyone to finish before they will be able to go out to play
- No food or water bottles should be shared with any other person

### Use of the school site

- Children should ONLY access their allocated classroom and toilet
- If children are moving between areas of the school (such as the playground or hall), this should be done with an adult. Where possible, the external routes should be used to avoid mixing of groups within school
- One way systems must be followed at all times

### Keeping yourself and others safe

- Children should use the tissues provided if they need to cough or sneeze. They will be taught safe practices using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' method
- All coughs and sneezes should at least be covered by a hand or elbow. Hands should then be washed thoroughly

- Coughing, sneezing or spitting at another person will absolutely not be tolerated. This includes as a 'joke'
- Tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus

We understand that some children, including very young children, will need to be supported with these new protocols. We will work with individuals to ensure that any reasonable adjustments are made to meet their needs. However, our biggest concern will be the safety of everyone in school.

In the current circumstances, children WILL NOT be sent to another classroom/teacher for either praise or sanction, or to deliver messages.

### **Rewards and Sanctions**

At Blackthorns, we will continue to use positive praise to highlight those who make the right choices. Children will continue to be rewarded with the use of verbal praise, messages home, house points etc.

Being kind and caring to ALL members of the school community will be even more important than ever during these unprecedented times. Everyone will be encouraged to show support to the other children and adults. It will be made clear to children that one of the ways of doing this is to make sure these new routines are followed carefully.

If a child makes the choice to not follow any of the new routines then these stages will be followed:

- A gentle reminder of the new routines will be given.
- The child will be asked to have a 5 minute 'time out' from the activity they are doing.
- A member of senior leadership will be called to discuss what has happened with the child and the parents will be informed. We will be relying on parents to model safe practices and reiterate these at home.
- Any child who deliberately and actively does not observe the social distancing rules set out above and on their class charter, despite repeated reminders and warnings, will be sent home in order to ensure the safety of themselves and others.

We will ALWAYS make sure that the children understand that these measures have been put in place for everyone's safety and that we hope they are temporary.