



# New Bewerley Community School Behaviour Policy - Coronavirus Edition

## Aims and Expectations

In line with the Home/School agreement (Coronavirus edition) it is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. Staff and pupil safety is paramount. The school behaviour policy is therefore designed to support the way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure. This edition should be used in conjunction with the regular behaviour policy. Significant changes have been highlighted.

The school has three school rules – these have been adapted in light of the coronavirus pandemic and social-distancing guidelines.

- Follow instructions NOW **Follow instructions and where possible, social distancing and personal hygiene guidelines. This includes regular handwashing.**
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Use positive language

The school expects every member of the school community to behave in a considerate way towards others.

We treat all children fairly, and matching the needs of the child we apply this behaviour policy in a consistent way. We also seek to enable children to understand the effect of their actions, the aim is to develop empathy and personal responsibility.

School staff will take every opportunity to adopt restorative practices, involving parents or carers where appropriate. The aim is that children learn to accept responsibility, how to repair damage caused and agree resolutions with those concerned and not for them or on their behalf.

The school rewards good behaviour, as it believes that this will develop an ethos of kindness and co-operation. This policy is designed to promote good behaviour, rather than merely deter anti-social behaviour.

**The staff will still use the school's praise, warning and consequence system\*. However if a child's or parent/carer's behaviour place others a risk assessment will be completed and this could result in your child working in isolation or following a part-time timetable. Parent/carers could be banned from the school premises.**

**\*Children cannot be asked to sit in another bubble as a consequence. Extra staff have been allocated to bubbles where children's SEMH leads to challenging or unwanted behaviour. These staff will be responsible for supervising the children if they are asked to leave the bubble. The school corridor can be used for 'cool down or consequence' time.**

## Lunchtime and Break time

Children should try and observe social distancing guidelines at break and lunch time. If children do not adhere to these guideline a risk assessment will be completed.

## Reasonable Force

Although school staff should be observing social distancing guidelines physical intervention may have to be used to restrain pupils in line with government guidelines.

Reasonable force can be used to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property, or from causing disorder.

(use of reasonable force – July 2013), these are:

- Remove disruptive children from the classroom where they have refused to follow an instruction to do so
- Prevent a pupil behaving in a way that disrupts a school event, school trip or visit
- Prevent a pupil from leaving the classroom where allowing the pupil to leave would risk the safety or lead to behaviour that disrupts the behaviour of others
- Prevent a pupil from attacking a member of staff or another pupil, or to stop a fight in the playground
- Restrain a pupil at risk of harming themselves through physical outbursts

School cannot:

- Use force as a punishment – it is always unlawful to use force as a punishment (use of reasonable force – July 2013).

Adjustments will be made if reasonable force is applied to children with a disability.

If reasonable force is used, staff must complete a physical intervention report form and parents will be informed.

## Personal Property

Pupil should not bring personal items to school. They are allowed their school bag and lunch bag. If parent/carers choose to send their child with personal protective equipment (PPE) it is the pupil's responsibility to keep it with them and put it on themselves. Staff cannot touch pupils' PPE.

## Searching, Screening and Confiscation

The department for education (Feb 2014) states that school staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees. This can be done, where possible, with a 2m gap. The headteacher and staff authorised by him/her have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, and breaching social distancing guidelines, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. Staff will seek authorisation from the headteacher or leadership team should this be necessary. Prohibited items are:

- Knives or weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items

- Tobacco and cigarette papers
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person
- Mobile phones

Staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of the search.

### Monitoring

It is the responsibility of the head teacher to implement the school behaviour policy consistently throughout the school. **This policy will be amended as guidance concerning the coronavirus changes.**

The headteacher supports the staff by implementing the policy, by setting the standards of behaviour, and by supporting staff in the implementation of the policy.

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