



This appendix to the behaviour policy was adopted by Ryburn Valley High School on July 2020 in response to the full returning of school pupils following Covid-19 Schools Closures.

This appendix now replaces the previous Covid-19 appendix for the delivery of Face-to-Face sessions to Year 10 and 12 pupils.

Ryburn Valley High School Behaviour Policy Covid-19 Appendix 2 – Wider return of pupils

1. Introduction

1.1 Following schools being closed to the majority of pupils, the Department for Education have announced a full return for all pupils, excluding those shielding, to Secondary Schools as of September 2020

1.2 This appendix to Ryburn Valley High School Behaviour Policy details adaptations made throughout the returning period (up to, but not limited to, 1 year), rather than providing the historical typical school day experienced up to March 2020

1.3 To make it easy to read, this appendix talks about teachers. But when we use the word teachers we also mean other staff with responsibility for pupils

1.4 This policy appendix is guided by the Department for Education Guidance released throughout May, April, June and August 2020 regarding the re-opening of schools and other education establishments

1.5 This policy appendix is specifically intended to:

- ensure the safety of every member of staff and pupil during this time
- encourage young people to take responsibility for their behaviour during this time
- tackle incidents/instances of poor behaviour effectively and fairly during this time
- allow teachers to feel safe and supported during this time
- foster an environment where all members of the school community respect and adhere to the social distancing guidance during this time

1.6 The information in this policy will be communicated:

- to pupils – on their return to school in September and in the relevant section of the school's website
- to teachers – in the training day on Thursday 3rd September and in the relevant section of the school's website
- to parents/carers – in the relevant section of the school's website

2. What we expect pupils to do during this time

2.1 Pupils must only use the entrance they have been assigned to enter the school building

2.2 Pupils must sanitise their hands on entering the school building

2.3 Pupils must walk directly to the classroom they have been assigned. Pupils are not permitted to move around the building freely or open any closed door

2.4 Pupils must sanitise their hands when –

- they enter the school building
- before and after break time
- before and after lunch time
- before they leave school
- after visiting the toilet

2.5 Pupils must wear face coverings/masks as directed by the school

2.6 Pupils must walk directly to their assigned desk. Pupils must only sit at their assigned desk

2.7 Pupils must meet our expected behaviour in class which are set out in their planner

2.8 We will not permit any pupil to not meet any of our class expectations

2.9 Pupils must not attempt to make physical contact with any person

2.10 Pupils must not deliberately and unnecessarily perform actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19, or actions associated with the spread of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing

2.11 Pupils must follow the government guidance when needing to cough or sneeze by covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing or sneezing into their arm

2.12 Due to the movement of teachers, rather than pupils, between classrooms, there will be short periods of time where pupils will be unaccompanied. Pupils must continue to meet the expectations that have been detailed and explained to them during these times

2.13 Pupils must ensure they follow the school guidance in terms of break and lunch and use of set social areas at these times

3. What we expect our teachers to do during this time

3.1 We expect all our teachers to address any pupil whose behaviour is unacceptable, who breaks our school rules or who doesn't follow a reasonable instruction.

3.2 Teachers will address poor behaviour in the classroom by –

- 1 Speaking to the pupil and giving them an instruction to stop the witnessed behaviour
- 2 If there is a second incident of poor behaviour, the teacher will address this again, but will then log this on Arbor
- 3 If there is a third incident of poor behaviour, the teacher will move the pupil to a spare seat in the classroom (if available)
- 4 If there is a fourth incident, the pupil will be removed from the classroom and placed ('parked') in another classroom of pupils in their same year group bubble

5 If there is a fifth incident, the teacher will call for a member of the pastoral team or SLT to remove the pupil

3.4 When a pupil is removed by a member of the pastoral team or SLT, they will then have to return to an allocated room at the end of the next day for half an hour

3.5 Where the behaviour of a pupil makes us worried that they are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm, we expect our staff to follow our safeguarding policy

4. The actions we may take when a pupil misbehaves during this time

4.1 Any pupil that displays behaviours that demonstrate they are not willing to cooperate with us in maintaining a safe environment during this period of the wider return to school will be deemed to have committed a serious breach of the school's behaviour policy and the pupil may be sent home for up to five days

4.2 The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour (additional to the list in the Behaviour Policy) specific to the context of the wider school return delivery, though the list is not exhaustive:

- refusing to sanitise hands
- not moving directly to the allocated classroom
- deliberately making physical contact, or attempting to make physical contact, with another person
- deliberately and unnecessarily performing actions associated with symptoms of Covid-19 or actions known to encourage the spread of Covid-19, for example but not limited to, coughing and/or sneezing
- not attempting to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or arm when coughing and/or sneezing
- refusing to wear a face covering/mask as per the school's guidelines
- not moving straight home once dismissed from school

5. Behaviour outside the school during this time

5.1 Pupils must not congregate in groups with others beyond their household before or after school

5.2 Pupils must leave the school site when directed and once through the gate make their way directly to their home

6. Access to toilets and break/lunch time

6.1 Pupils will not be allowed out of the class (during lesson) to use the toilet, except in an emergency

6.2 There will be a staggered break and lunch time (for each bubble), when pupils will be allowed to leave the class