

Behaviour Policy - COVID-19 Addendum

All children should continue to adhere to the principles outlined in the school rules in the Behaviour for Learning Policy. Whilst we will endeavour to continue known routines at Greenbank High School during the COVID19 pandemic, it is necessary for children to behave differently when returning to school and there are a number of new systems. These are detailed below but as children return to school and new guidance is issued, new systems/procedures may be added or amended. All children will be supported by staff in learning the new regimes so that together we can ensure that all government guidance is being adhered to and thus reduce the risk of the spreading of the virus. All members of staff know these procedures and parents/carers are expected to understand and discuss them with their children to ensure that they have good knowledge of them before returning to Greenbank High School. Parents must confirm that they have read, understood and agreed to this policy before their child can return to school by visiting – Thank you.

Drop off and Collection

- Where possible, pupils should avoid public transport as per the government guidelines, should this not be possible then a mask should be worn as all other users of public transport are currently expected to. On arrival at school, disposable masks should be removed and put in an outside bin and hands must be washed. Re-usable masks should be put away and again hands washed.
- Pupils should enter the school site externally and wash their hands thoroughly within their allocated area maintaining social distance at all times.
- Pupils must arrive within their allocated time period so that different year groups can use the hand washing facilities efficiently:
 - Years 7, 8 & 9 should arrive between 8.20 and 8.35
 - Years 10 & 11 should arrive between 8.35 and 8.55
- When they enter the school they should do through their allocated entrance only coming in contact with those students and teachers within their Pod
- Any child intentionally breaching social distancing rules or mixing with others outside of their Pod without a suitable reason will be sent home due to the risk they pose to others.
- To help reduce contact, parents and visitors will not be allowed to visit the school unless there is a prior appointment made and this would be through the main reception area. Alternatives, such as phone calls or video calls can also be arranged where needed.
- Parents should not block the gates or gather and talk to other parents and only one parent should drop their child off at school via the Waterloo Road entrance.
- Should a child have a medical appointment and therefore be late for school then they should report to reception.
- If your child is unwell normal reporting procedures for absence should be followed.

The school day

- Greenbank will operate in a year group Pod system which means each year will be allocated an area of the school with nominated year group toilets. The majority of a

pupil's lessons will take place within their allocated area but there will be occasions on the timetable when children will need to move to a specialist teaching area, such as for PE. If moving out of the POD area, pupils must follow the one-way system.

- To allow children to have access to all of their specialist teaching, teachers will move between pods to teach different year groups. This means that a 2 metre distance from all children and other teachers at all times must be adhered to. There will be markings on the floor to support pupils' understanding of this.
- Children will wear their full school uniform except on days when they have PE when their regulation PE kit should be worn. This is to support parents and carers being able to regularly wash uniform as well as reducing the need to change. This does not apply to pupils who are studying dance, they will need to wear their normal school uniform and change at school. Regular washing of uniform will be required.
- Canteen facilities will be open for children however they will operate on a pre-order only basis and food will be delivered to the year group areas, no lockers will be accessible therefore children will have to carry their bags with them.
- Mobile phone policy will remain the same with children not being able to use their phone between 8.30am-3.10pm and it should remain off and unseen. A child will be issued with 2 points as per behaviour policy if they are caught using a phone.
- All classrooms will have an allocated safe area for the teacher maintaining social distancing and have protective screens around the desk to create a safer environment.
- If one child or member of staff within the group / pod experiences symptoms of COVID-19, they should immediately be tested. An isolation room has been identified for anyone showing symptoms within school. The result of the test will need to be shared with school and for any positive results, the local health protection team will be contacted and will support the school in the next steps.
- If a family member has the virus, the child will need to isolate following the government guidance. If the child begins to display symptoms, they should be tested. The group the child is attending will also be informed and they may also require testing. The school will follow all government guidance.
- During break / lunchtime, all pupils will be expected to stay within their allotted area.
- **It is strongly recommended that children and adults wear masks in communal areas such as the corridors, these can be provided for children who do not have them**

Hygiene

- Regular hand-washing/sanitising will need to take place. As a minimum this will need to happen on entry and exit from school and at all times when a child changes classrooms and before and after eating. To support this, children should bring their own hand sanitiser so that excessive time is not lost between lessons when children need to clean their hands.
- At all times, children and their families should follow the guidance on self-isolation if they or anyone in their household shows coronavirus symptoms. Children should not attend school if they are showing symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating. This is consistent with advice from the Chief Medical Officer. More information is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid->

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- If a child informs an adult that they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, they will be isolated within the school and parent/carers informed immediately to collect them. Please refer to the guidance document above for further information about when they can return to school.
- Posters will be displayed around the school to promote personal hygiene. These include, but are not limited to: handwashing, sneezing and coughing.
- Staff will explicitly teach and supervise health and hygiene arrangements such as handwashing, tissue disposal and toilet flushing using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Children will also be taught respiratory hygiene.
- All frequently touched surfaces, equipment, door handles and toilets used during the day will be cleaned thoroughly each day.
- In line with Greenbank High School's Behaviour for Learning Policy, physicality towards others will not be tolerated and parents will be informed immediately.
- Classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitiser or wipes, tissues and lidded bins for disposal of tissues and other waste. These supplies will be topped up regularly.
- Children will not be able to share resources and equipment with other children and are expected to bring their own water bottle and tissues to school, in addition to the normal equipment required pupils should also have their own glue, safety scissors and hand sanitiser.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated with windows and doors to the outside open as much as possible.

Additional rules

- Children must abide by social distancing rules towards adults, should they be broken they pose a risk to the health of others, if this is intentional then they will be sent home.
- Children must wash their hands upon entry and exit to school and at regular times within the school day.
- Children must stay in their allocated area of the school including only accessing the toilets assigned to them which should be done during lesson time, they can only mix with the children within their year group except when they have lessons in specialist areas.
- When moving around the school building, pupils must follow the one way system which is indicated by arrows on the floor.
- Children should not share any equipment.

Should children be caught breaching any of the rules above regarding the health of themselves and others then this will be challenged and a relevant sanction will be issued. This will depend on the nature of the incident but may include a verbal reminder, behaviour point(s) being issued or a parent being contacted and asked to collect their child from school.

The operational behaviour system will also be in place, detentions and internal exclusion to take place daily with social distancing measures applied with children of different year groups.

