



Ashlands Primary School Covid 19 Appendix to Behaviour Policy

"Where every child has the chance to shine"

This policy embodies our Ethos Statement – Safe Children at Ashlands

This policy is in place during the Covid 19 restrictions in England. It is a statement of control measures that have been implemented by our school community to keep our school safe and mitigate circumstances that could cause people in school to be placed at risk. Ashlands carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and had input from all stakeholders in school before the return to school.

1 Control Measures:

The principle measure that we have in place is to keep anyone with symptoms away from school. If a child or adult has Covid 19 symptoms then they should get a test to determine whether they have the virus or not.

Covid 19 Symptoms are:

- A high temperature.
- A new, continuous cough.
- A loss of the sense of taste or smell.

In the event of anyone developing symptoms whilst in school adults will leave the school, get a test and self-isolate until the test outcome is determined. Children will be moved to a room where they can isolate from the rest of school until an adult collects them. Cleaning will take place as the situation and circumstance requires.

Hand washing and hygiene is essential in reducing the spread of the virus. As such, children and adults will wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer when they come into school and regularly during the school day. Children have received training in how to effectively wash their hands during this crisis.

Children will always remain in Year group and class bubbles during the school day. This is facilitated through a staggered start and end to the school day, staggered break and lunchtimes. The playground and school field, when it has been dry enough, have been zoned so that these bubbles are maintained.

Everyone in school is conscious of maintaining social distancing as much as possible. Markers have been added to school corridors so the 2 metre distance is familiar to everyone. Classrooms have been arranged with desks facing in one direction.

Ventilation is an important control measure and classroom doors and windows have been left open to provide a draught to allow air movement which refreshes the classroom air regularly. During the coming winter months we will monitor classroom temperatures to ensure that the working environment is conducive to learning.

Facemasks have not been adopted around school, but some adults and children feel more comfortable with these on. Should Government Guidance be amended we will revisit this.

Safe hygiene is taught across school through the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it, NHS campaign for upper respiratory infections.

Teachers have spoken to their classes about the control measures and have reminded them on a regular basis about how to keep themselves and others safe at this time. We expect all children to work cooperatively and support everyone in school during this time.

Ashlands will review the safe working practices every week. This will provide the most effective measures to keep everyone safe. If Government guidance changes then we will respond to this immediately.

We are mindful of the negative impact on children's and adult's mental health and wellbeing during this crisis. We have a focus on Mental Health through a focus week and ongoing discussions with children and their families to offer support and signpost specialist support if that is needed. The mental health and wellbeing of the children and adults in school is also focussed on during online assemblies.

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