



HOUGHTON REGIS ACADEMY

This appendix to the behaviour policy was adopted by Houghton Regis Academy, August 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 pupils.

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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 the Houghton Regis Academy Behaviour Policy (Updated September 2020) 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 April 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 and June 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 – before their return to school, on their first day back and in the relevant section of the Academy's website
- to teachers – in the training day on Thursday 3rd September and in the relevant section of the Academy's website.
- to parents/carers – in the relevant section of the Academy's website.

A text message has been sent to all parents with the link to this document.

2. What we expect pupils to do during this time

2.1 Pupils must meet our expected behaviour in class which are set out in our student expectation checklist in the Behaviour Policy. In addition to points 2.2 to 2.12 of this appendix.

2.2 To enter the school, pupils must only use the entrance they have been assigned to and follow identified pathways to their designated area.

2.3 Pupils must walk directly to the classroom they have been assigned, maintaining social distancing at all times.

2.4 Pupils must sanitise their hands on entering the classroom.

2.5 Pupils must walk directly to their assigned desk. Pupils must only sit at their assigned desk. Pupils must not touch any desk assigned to another pupil or any equipment on a desk assigned to another pupil.

2.6 We will not permit any pupil to not meet any of our classroom expectations.

2.7 Pupils must not attempt to make physical contact with any person.

2.8 Pupils must not attempt to deliberately move within 2 metres of any person when it is possible to remain 2 metres apart.

2.9 Pupils are not permitted to move around the building freely. Pupils must remain in their zoned areas, unless directed by staff or attending specialised teaching rooms as part of taught curriculum.

2.10 Pupils must only use allocated external spaces during social times.

2.11 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.

2.12 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.

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

3.1 We expect all our teachers to follow the revised operating procedures and risk assessments as outlined by the Houghton Regis Academy and the Greenwood Academies Trust.

3.2 Teachers will address any pupil whose behaviour is unacceptable, who breaks our Academy rules or who does not follow a reasonable instruction.

3.3 Teachers will address poor behaviour in the classroom by speaking to the pupil and giving them an instruction to stop the witnessed behaviour (a warning). If there is a second incident of poor behaviour, the teacher will request a call out.

3.4 When a pupil is removed, they will be taken to the on-call room and spoken to by a member of the Pastoral Team, being dealt with as per the Academy's Behaviour Policy (September 2020). Any Covid-19 related incidents will be dealt with as per Section 4 below

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 behaving in a way that does not meet the school expectations will be dealt with as per the Academy's Behaviour Policy (September 2020).

4.2 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 Academy's behaviour policy and therefore, an additional sanction, detailed in the Academy's behaviour policy may be considered.

4.3 The following are some examples of what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour specific to the context of the phased return delivery of face-to-face sessions, though the list is not exhaustive:

- refusing to sanitise hands.
- not moving directly to the allocated classroom.
- deliberately making contact, or attempting to make contact, with another person.
- deliberately moving within 2 meters, or attempting to move within 2 meters, of 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.
- 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.