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Dear Pupils/Parent/Carer

As we prepare to return and open the school to more pupils, it is important that there is clarification on expected standards and behaviour when pupils return.

Our behaviour policy already covers expected standards within school.

To be clear, schools must be as safe as possible to ensure that our pupils, our staff, and the wider school community of families beyond the school gate remain as safe as possible at this difficult time.

To do this, the Government have issued guidance around social distancing in schools, and what protective measures should be in place. The expectation is that all pupils returning to school will follow rules and guidance as explained. These may change as we adjust to the return of more pupils.

During the current partial reopening of school, there will be no expectation for pupils who attend school to wear the school uniform. This will enable the safe cleaning of pupils' clothes. However, we ask that pupils wear sensible and appropriate clothes - not cropped tops, open toes shoes etc.

Behaviour that puts others at risk will not be tolerated. Should there be instances where a pupil deliberately uses COVID-19 risk of infection as a threat or actual event, for example deliberately coughing over someone, this will be treated as a serious breach of the school behaviour policy. Full sanctions may apply, up to and including permanent exclusion if this was so serious to merit it.

I am very aware that the vast majority of pupils will want to comply, and will in fact be apprehensive about returning to school. Making school safe really matters for everyone and your co-operation is appreciated.

The guidance from the Government is also clear that should anyone show any signs of COVID-19, that they will not remain on the school site.

DfE Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

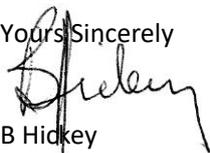
What to do if someone develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) whilst at an educational setting

If anyone develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in an education setting they must be sent home and advised to follow the staying at home guidance.

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

So, to make clear and to reassure pupils, parents and carers, we will be implementing the Government recommended steps to make our school as safe as possible. Anyone showing signs of Covid19, will be dealt with as promptly as possible and we would expect someone to be available to pick them up to take them home safely and as soon as possible. Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you. The standards of behaviour should reflect the needs of the whole school community. Everyone's support is necessary to make sure that our steps to manage this process are as effective as possible.

Yours Sincerely



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