

Verulam School

Behaviour Policy: Temporary Additions to the School's Behaviour

Policy for Partial Opening June 2020

When school partially re-opens on Monday 15th June 2020, we will be returning during times that still remain uncertain. It is, therefore, essential that we are clear about the expectations we have of our students to ensure that we can return in a safe and productive way.

The Behaviour Policy at Verulam School establishes the ways in which all members of the school community will contribute to the learning environment. Students are expected to be well motivated to learn and to behave well. In order to achieve these high standards, it is very important that all students are aware of positive behaviour expectations, which have been established by the school.

The general principles behind our main behaviour for learning policy will be followed but we will not be fully implementing all procedures we would do under normal circumstances. This temporary policy, in place until school fully re-opens after the Covid-19 pandemic, outlines some specific adjustments given the current situation and reflects how we are trying to keep students and staff safe and motivated in school.

Behaviour expectations

For the safety of everyone, it is critical that students follow our usual expectations for conduct and attitudes to learning. Behaviour will continue to be managed through the main Behaviour Policy, recognition, rewards and consequences systems, except that detention consequences will not be served. Instead, failure to follow our expectations for learning or respond to the staff appropriately in learning sessions, will result in removal from class and relocating to another space by our pastoral team, to continue their learning.

Any student who repeatedly breaches expectations or safety instructions [e.g. washing and cleaning hands], social distancing measures [e.g. one-way and queuing systems] or behaviour issues outside of lesson times [e.g. not staying in their allocated supervised safety zone], will have their learning provision reviewed immediately. This will probably prevent them from attending some future face-to-face contact sessions for a set period of time or will be required to learn at home full time until the school fully re-opens.

Any students who deliberately put others at risk e.g. deliberately coughing at people will be home schooled, rather than receive any face-to-face provision, until the school fully re-opens. Additionally, or alternatively, it could lead to a fixed term exclusion. Exclusion will be applied as usual for serious breaches of our Behaviour Policy, e.g. persistent defiance or persistent infringement of school rules or expectations.

Equipment

Owing to the issues of cross contamination we will not be providing any equipment for students to use and therefore students must bring their own pencil case with everything they need to engage fully in their lessons as well as their books or files for their core subjects.

Social Distancing

We have put into place a number of measures to maintain social distancing. These have been communicated to you via your parents / carers and are on display outside every classroom. We expect ALL students to take this expectation seriously. Students who deliberately ignore social distancing will be prevented from attending some future face to face contact sessions for a set period of time or will be required to learn at home full time until the school fully re-opens, and may result in a fixed term exclusion. Students who ignore this safety guidance in the wider community on their way to or from school, that come to our attention, will also be subject to the more serious sanctions.

