



Addendum to Denmead Junior School's Positive Behaviour Policy: June 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to maintain a safe, secure environment for all pupils, staff, and the wider community, the following additional measures to our current school's Positive Behaviour Policy have been agreed.

From June 1st 2020, whilst the COVID-19 pandemic is with us, DJS will be organised into Bubble School. Children and adults will be organised into 'Bubbles' of a limited number of children and a limited number of staff. Close interactions with children and adults from other 'Bubbles' will not be allowed. This is key to limiting transmission of the virus and tracking and tracing who has come into contact with someone who has become unwell. Pupils are to therefore follow all instructions given to remain in their bubble at all times. They must not come into close contact with any pupil or adult who is outside of their bubble.

In order to facilitate this a number of measures have been put in place. New routines and rules will be introduced, in order to maintain the highest level of safety from the disease.

- For their own safety and that of others, pupils are to follow altered routines for arrival or departure. These include particular entrances and exits to use and at times specified for their group in school.
- Personal hygiene is incredibly important for maintaining the health and well-being of all pupils and staff. All pupils and staff will follow the guidelines on the regularity and improved practise of handwashing at all times.
- To limit transmission, expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands must be followed by pupils and staff.
- Pupils will not be able to move freely around the school unless medically necessary as they cannot come into contact with another 'Bubble'.
- Within their 'Bubble' children will be encouraged to 'socially distance' i.e. to try to keep a two metre distance between themselves and other children and adults. If a child gets too close to a member of staff or another child, we will use the phrase 'Don't pop my Bubble, you are too close.'
- Pupils can move more freely outside the building within their 'Bubble', but within the area/zone that has been allocated to that 'Bubble' (e.g. at break times) though must still maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- Children and staff will follow any one way directions within the school building and to use their allocated toilets.
- Children must follow the new procedures for going to toilet, which will be encouraged to be during lesson time rather than at playtimes due to the nature of the school building and the ease of supervision.
- Pupils must tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus. It is not their fault and they will not be treated as so but it is extremely important for the health and welfare of others around them that they are isolated as quickly as possible, and a parent phoned to take them home. The school has set up an isolation room.

- Personal equipment such as pencil cases are not allowed in school. The only items that should travel to and from school are lunch boxes and drinks containers which will remain on pupil desks at all times. Pupils must not share their drinks or food.
- Deliberately coughing and spitting at or towards another person will not be tolerated. Pupils found to be doing so will have their parents contacted immediately and asked to remove them from school for a period of time to be discussed with them.
- Football will not be allowed at break times. There will be rules and routines put in place for using school equipment for PE and other activities to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Usually students who exhibit more challenging behaviour are calmed down as much as possible, their emotional state brought to a level that is more positive for them and others around them by members of staff. Once calm, they are then given time to discuss why they have acted like they have. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be beyond the capacity of the staff to facilitate this due to hygiene concerns. Any behaviour that threatens to endanger the hygiene of other pupils or staff will mean a phone call home and parents will be asked to take the pupil home until they are calm enough to return the next day.
- All these new procedures and rules will be fully explained to children on their return to school and there will be regular reminders from all staff to the children, in the form of 'Bubble' discussions, 'Bubble' posters and virtual school assemblies.
- We will continue to praise and recognise children who are upholding the school's values during these unusual times, and who are also following these new safety rules and procedures as role models for other children.