

## **Addendum to Behaviour Policy - Updated behaviour guidance relating to the return to school after Covid 19 lockdown school closure**

### **Returning After Lockdown**

**We recognise as a school that returning after such a long time at home presents a unique and challenging set of circumstances. We accept that students will take time to settle in and establish themselves in a routine and that it will feel strange for them to be back in school and in classrooms with their friends. Some students (and staff) may feel anxious or nervous about their return to school and so pastoral care and support will be available on request. There will be some additions and amendments to school rules for students to follow (the list of 'must's'). These have been made to ensure the safety of students and staff and should be taken very seriously. Our students' and staff's welfare, safety and health are a key priority.**

### **Safe Practice**

- **Students should respect the 2m rule at all times. Where it is marked out in classrooms and around school it should be followed without exception. This applies at breaks and lunchtimes as well.**
- **If students cough or sneeze, they should do so into a tissue and put it in a bin at the earliest convenient point – a supply of tissues is available at the door to each bubble. If students have no tissue, they should cough or sneeze into their elbow.**

### **Existing Policy**

- **Our existing policy remains in place however some amendments need to be made to some of our procedures.**
- **The C system should still be used by all staff in lessons.**
- **School uniform should still be worn – this includes the summer uniform GCA Polo Shirts. Layers are advised as rooms will be well ventilated, and lunchtimes will be outside.**
- **Mobile phones remain banned however the changes to how we deal this are in the amendments section below.**
- **Positive behaviour will be promoted through the use of the Awards Points system.**
- **The rules on mobile phones remain unchanged. They should not be seen or heard on the school site or within the building. If a student is seen with their phone they must leave their phone on their desk when they next leave the room – it will be collected by the teacher handed to a Senior Leader. Collection of phones remains as it was – for a first offence the student may retrieve at the end of the day from the Senior Leader on duty. Subsequent offences will require parents/carers to make an appointment to come onto site to retrieve the phone.**

### **Amendments to Existing Policy - Covid Related Behaviour**

- **Students must NEVER spit, cough or sneeze at anyone or anything. Please note that coughing and/or spitting towards any other person will be classified as dangerous behaviour and will result in the most severe sanctions, especially where intent is perceived.**
- **Behaviour that wilfully undermines the safety measures that the school has put in place or risks the safety of students or staff will not be tolerated. If incidents occur then they will be treated as high level behavioural incidents and sanctioned accordingly.**

**Examples might include:**

- **Deliberately ignoring the social distancing measures put in place by the school**
- **Spitting at another student/member of staff**
- **Deliberately coughing/sneezing at a student/member of staff**
- **Behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to students/staff about the current situation**

**First offences will result in a C5 if there is no evidence of intent. A C6 or 8 may result from intent, and/or additional offences.**

### **Consequences and C4/C5 Detentions**

**The C system will continue to be applied in all lessons as it was previous to the school closure and C4 detentions will still take place on the same day however the arrangements for these will be slightly different.**

**C4 and 5**

**C4 and C5 detentions will take place at the end of the day in the canteen (30 minutes C4 and 1 hour C5). Parents will be informed by telephone.**

**C6, 7 and 8**

**During this phased reopening of the school Internal Fixed Term Exclusions (C7s) will not be imposed as a sanction. Any misbehaviour that would normally result in an Internal Fixed Term Exclusion (C7) will instead result in a Fixed Term Exclusion (C8).**