

# **RIDA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR POLICY ADDENDUM**

Given the current situation with regards to Coronavirus, it is essential that the Rida Boys High School's behaviour policy reflects the need for increased safety, vigilance and hygiene in the community. We are conscious of the shared challenges following the lengthy school closure, and as such are committed to ensuring that all of our pupils and staff return to safe and secure environment, in which they can continue learning and developing.

This addendum of the RBHS Behaviour Policy contains details of our behaviour expectations during the coronavirus outbreak.

## **Scope**

This addendum applies until further notice.

Unless covered in this addendum, our normal behaviour policy continues to apply.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and pupils.

## **Expectations for pupils and parents**

### **Effective infection protection and control**

There are important actions that pupils and their families can take during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Parents/Carers are asked to ensure they apply these approaches and actions are continued until further notice.

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Clean hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, disposing of the tissue immediately (the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach) and avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.

## **New rules for attending school**

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and will make sure they are followed consistently.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure that their children follow the new procedures that have been put in place.

Parents should contact the School if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them.

## **Travel to school, arrival and departure**

Pupils are encouraged to avoid using public transport wherever possible. If public transport is being used, a consideration is given to the government's latest guidance around the use of face coverings. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-yourhome#face-coverings>

Parents are asked to encourage pupils to maintain 2-metre social distancing when travelling to and from school, including if walking to school with friends.

Staggered arrival and departure times have been introduced to support pupils in maintaining social distancing outside of school and at the school entrance.

All pupils are to enter the school site via the main entrance on Warren Street.

## **Face Coverings**

Face coverings will be provided by school where required.

The following rules apply if a student brings a face covering from home:

- The face covering must be one which is made only for the purpose of air filtration, and not as a decoration.
- The face covering must be plain.

## **In School**

### **General guidance on behaviour**

- Wash hands at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Social distance from all students and staff within the communal areas.
- No physical contact at all times, this includes hand shaking, hugging etc.
- No coughing or spitting towards any other person at any time.
- Tell an adult immediately if feeling unwell.

- Seek support if unsure about expectations or managing themselves around school.
- Respect all staff and students at all times.

### **Arrival to school lessons**

- Students must ensure they are punctual to school.
- They must arrive at school socially distant and if travelling to school with other students from other households to ensure they wear a facemask.
- Students must wash their hands, for 20 seconds, on entry to school or sanitise their hands.
- Only two students are permitted into the toilets at one time to ensure social distance is maintained.

### **Movement around school**

- Student movement is limited to arrival, departure and toilet breaks.
- Students should walk around the school on the **right-hand side of the corridors in a single file**.
- Doors have been wedged open to avoid the need to touch door handles. Students are not to close these doors.

### **Classroom expectations**

- To avoid groups of students congregating in the corridor or in communal areas staff will expect students to walk straight into the classrooms.
- Students must sit in their designated places and not move from these for the duration of the lesson.
- Students must be prepared with their own equipment of pen, pencil, eraser and ruler.
- Students must not borrow equipment from other students.

### **Break**

- A break is planned for all students, they will be able to have a snack and a drink in their room or in the playground and will be given a short toilet break.
- Students must wash their hands when they visit the toilet.
- Students must not share food or drink.
- Students must remain seated when in the room and follow all social distancing guidelines when walking to the toilets.

### **Exit from School**

- Students will leave the school in a staggered fashion.
- Students must wash their hands or use the hand sanitiser upon leaving the building.
- Students exit from the school via: Year 7 – top entrance, Year 8 - bottom entrance.

## **If anyone displays symptoms of COVID-19**

If a pupil displays symptoms on the government's published list for COVID-19 before travelling to school or whilst at home, they should not attend school.

If a pupil displays any of these symptoms during the school day, they should tell an adult. They will be isolated on site until contact can be made with home and arrangements made for them to go home. The room in which the pupil is isolated in, will be disinfected immediately after they leave.

Any staff or pupil displaying symptoms during the school day would result in that group of pupils and staff being compromised. All pupils and staff who had been in close proximity to the person displaying symptoms, would then follow the latest government guidelines.

## **Instructions on inappropriate behaviour ( spitting, coughing directly and intentionally at a teacher or child )**

We are obviously not expecting to see this poor behaviour, but in the unfortunate event that we do, this must be reported immediately to the relevant SLT lead who will act immediately by removing the child to an isolated place and contacting parents with the intention of the child returning home whilst the situation is assessed. The behaviour policy would then apply.

If there is any contact with another person's saliva, the following guidelines published by the NHS must be followed:

1. Wash the saliva off your skin with soap and lots of running water.
2. Wash the saliva/ blood out of your eyes, nose, mouth with lots of cold water. Spit the water out after washing your mouth.
3. If you wear contact lenses, rinse before and after taking them out.
4. Any tissues containing saliva or blood must be disposed of in the clinical waste bins ( yellow bins found in the designated first aid/ medical area )

If you think you are at risk of infection seek medical advice from:

1. Your GP
2. Accident & Emergency provision at your nearest hospital.

All such incidents should be recorded in full in the accident book and in the student's behaviour log.

## **Sanctions for not following rules**

If pupils fail to follow any school rules, whether in the behaviour policy or in the addendum, we will consider the reasons for non-compliance, to determine whether it was accidental or purposeful and then apply the most appropriate sanction from the following:

Phase 1 Verbal warning x 1.

Phase 2 Negative comments in Dojo (parents will be informed).

Phase 3 Second comments in Dojo (parents will be informed).

Phase 4 Final comments in dojo resulting in sanction 1.

Phase 5 Sanction 2.

Phase 6 Suspension from school (1-5 days depending on severity of incident) at the discretion of governing body.

Phase 7 Permanent exclusion (decision made by governing body).

## **Expectations for pupils at home Remote learning**

If pupils are not in school, we expect them to follow the expectations set out below. Parents should also read the expectations and ensure their children follow them.

Parents should contact the School if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the expectations, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them.

- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers.
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work .
- Use proper online conduct, such as using appropriate language in messages.

### **Dealing with problems**

If there are any problems with pupils adhering to expectations around remote learning, including if they don't engage with the remote learning set for them, we will make contact with the family in order to discuss any barriers to learning which can be removed. We recognise the challenging times faced by all and will work with families to ensure a most appropriate solution for everyone.

## **Monitoring arrangements**

We will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and at every review, it will be approved by the Governing Body.

