



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Behaviour Policy (COVID-19 Annex) Updated

This document needs to be read alongside the school's Behaviour Policy which has been in place since the start of the academic year. This annex seeks to act as an interim agreement whilst Drayton Manor High School manages the Covid-19 pandemic and the social distancing measures that have to be put in place alongside other government guidelines advised by Public Health England.

Student behaviour and conduct in school and in the local community is of paramount importance if the school is going to be successful in both educating students and keeping them safe. What is clear is that all students will have to conduct themselves in a sensible and controlled manner at all times and respond immediately to instruction and guidance. Students who do not follow instructions or who ignore the guidance given to them will be deemed beyond the reasonable control of the school and therefore present a danger to the school community. What follows are examples of how the school will seek to manage certain aspects of behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic. This list is not exhaustive but it is an indication of the stance that the school has to take:

Social Distancing

Staff and students need to adhere to the two-metre distancing guidance at all times unless students are in their own bubble. To support this, markings have been placed on the floor of key areas of the school to demonstrate the distance that students need to observe. Social distancing needs to be followed when students are in classrooms, moving around the buildings and when students are travelling to and from school. Some staff and students will be feeling very apprehensive about the COVID-19 pandemic and others will be less concerned. It is strictly forbidden for students to be within two metres of another student from a separate 'bubble' on school site.

Travelling to and from school

Students need to understand that they represent the school as well as their family on the journey to and from school. They also need to remember that many people feel very worried about the COVID-19 pandemic but have to travel to work or other destinations. As a result of this it is important that students observe all of the social distancing guidelines when they are travelling to and from school. Students should avoid using public transport if at all possible but if they have to use a bus/train to get to school they need to adhere to the government guidelines on personal protection. If students are walking to school, they should leave a two-metre gap between themselves and their friends and other members of the public.

Arriving to school

Students can arrive to school at the time given to them in accordance with their education pod but not before. Students need to arrive at their entry gate, follow the instructions of staff on arrival, sanitise their hands and proceed to their year group zone as directed. Each Year group and the Sixth Form will be allocated a zone for lessons and recreational time. They will not be permitted to enter the zone for another year group. Please see appendix for the zones graphic.

Arriving to Tutor/Lessons

Students will be escorted from their zone to their classroom by their tutors/teachers. Students need to move to the lesson in a socially distanced manner from those who are not in their zone ensuring that they remain two-metres from anyone who is not a member of their zone.

In class behaviour

Whilst in lessons students will be expected to follow their normal classroom routines and co-operate with their teacher at all times. Students must follow the Classroom Code of Conduct at all times. This must be on all noticeboards in classrooms. Standard rules such as putting your hand up to contribute to the lesson and not talking over the teacher will be enforced so that learning time can be maximised.

Rewards

Staff will use the normal rewards process for students on BehaviourWatch and will also be able to nominate them for awards in the Rewards bulletin.

Warnings & sanctions

If a student is behaving in a way that is unacceptable or their actions are placing themselves or others at risk they will be given warnings to modify their behaviour immediately in accordance with the school's three warning system. There may be the need to place a student 'on call.' A teacher may judge that a student's behaviour is so serious that warnings are not appropriate and it is more appropriate to place the student 'on call' immediately so that a member of Senior staff can deal with the issue. When a student is placed 'on-call', they will attend the Consequence Room and a phone call will be made to the parent or carer. They may also be sent home from school via a formal exclusion. The school will not accept behaviour that places the school community in danger. Detentions will take place in year group zones.

Equipment

Students must bring their own equipment to every lesson and must not share items. The equipment that students need to bring is set out in the Student Planner and has been reiterated in the letter sent to parents prior to their child attending school after the COVID-19 lockdown. Students are expected to bring:

- A pencil case
- Two black pens
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A calculator
- School books for the day

Uniform

The same standards apply to school uniform. If a student is having difficulty with their uniform, they will be referred to the pastoral team who will act accordingly.

Physical altercations

If a student enters into a physical altercation with another child, they place themselves at risk of exclusion.

Toilets

Students will be permitted to use the toilet at break and lunch times. If a student needs to use the toilet during lesson time they must follow the procedures given to them. If a student is misbehaving in the toilet they place themselves at risk of exclusion.

Other Relevant Policies

This annex complements and supports a range of other policies and guidance and should therefore be read in conjunction with

- The Behaviour Policy
- Physical Intervention to Control or Restrain Students Guidance
- Weapons Policy
- Bullying Policy
- Policy on Prohibited Substances Including Drugs
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Home/School Agreement
- Sixth Form Code of Conduct