

SCOIL NA MAIGHDINE MHUIRE

Addendum to the Code of Behaviour

Behaviour Principles

In light of the need for the school community to behave differently and to follow specific rules on the return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic, this addendum to the Code of Behaviour outlines specific changes to guidance that pupils, staff and parents will have to follow. Our guiding principle when making any changes or adjustments to policy is to be able to keep all of our children, families and staff safe and place their wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do.

These amendments will need to be communicated to pupils, parents, staff and all members of the school community.

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils are expected to:

- Arrive to and depart from school premises at the agreed time. (Adults should maintain a two-metre distance to other families when dropping off or collecting their children).
- Wash hands and use hand sanitiser when directed by staff and when necessary.
- Remain in their designated seating as directed by their class teacher.
- Keep a safe distance from other pupils and members of staff and refrain from physical contact with their peers.
- Follow the recommended respiratory etiquette: cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into elbow; if a tissue is used, dispose of it. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching the mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- Adhere to rules in relation to toilet visits and pre-arranged playtime activities and breaks in the yard.
 - Follow teachers' directions regarding class bubbles and pods.
- Maintain responsibility for their own equipment e.g. stationery, lunch boxes and water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.
- Tell a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus.

There is a pupil friendly version of this code of conduct in this document which explains the rules to pupils. Class teachers will ensure that these are displayed in the classroom and that they are explained to pupils.

Sanctions for each level of unsafe behaviour (including pupils who are deliberately not following instructions for social distancing)

Level 1- ignoring guidance and reminders regarding the Covid 19 guidelines

Level 2 - lack of respect for Covid-19 guidelines and all behaviours in breach of the school's Code of Behaviour will be deemed as serious offences as the health and safety of the whole school community is at risk

Level 3 - Continuous lack of respect and disregard for Covid 19 guidelines or a very serious breach of the Code of Behaviour in relation to Covid 19 may be deemed a level 3 behaviour. Unfortunately, in order to minimise risk of Covid 19 spread, a pupil displaying continuous disregard of the Covid 19 guidelines may be at a level 3 behaviour quickly for the sake of the health of the school community.

Sanctions are in relation to the level of unsafe behaviour and appropriate sanctions are outlined in our Code of Behaviour policy.

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire acknowledges that children will have had a range of different experiences during the lockdown period which may have an impact on their behaviour presentation upon return to school. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community, under unusual circumstances, may require some additional support and intervention.

Pupils' Code of Behaviour

School has changed since you were last here and we have some new rules and responsibilities for you. You need to follow all of them to keep you safe.

Things we need to do in school

1. Wait outside the gate in your assigned area until the teacher on gate duty lets you into the school grounds.
2. Follow your special route, sanitise your hands as you go in the door. Then walk into your classroom.
3. Sit at your pod. You will stay at the same pod and all your books and equipment will be in your own basket. Please **don't** share your stationery with other children.
4. You will be washing and sanitising your hands more frequently.
5. Ask your teacher if you need to use the toilet. You will go pod at a time and wash your hands very carefully.
6. If you sneeze it is very important to use a tissue and dispose of it. If you cough use a tissue or cough into your elbow.
7. You will stay in your seats. If you have a question you put up your hand and your teacher will help you.
8. You will go outside for break time and lunch time play and stay in the yard area that has been assigned to your class. You must not go into the other play area.
9. Follow your teachers' directions at home time and exit by the same route you entered the school

Parental Responsibilities:

- Follow altered procedure for arrival and departure
- Support the school by reinforcing guidance around hand hygiene, personal distancing, and respiratory etiquette
- Remain outside the school building at all times
- Keep pupils who are unwell at home, informing the school by email/phone of the type of illness being experienced, until a full recovery is made

Additional Staff Responsibilities:

- Practise social distancing and ensure the pupils remain in their class bubble and pods.
- Practise, and ensure pupils practise, hand hygiene at appropriate times eg, on arrival , before eating/when entering classroom/after toileting/after using shared equipment etc.
- Keep work areas clean & tidy

Date of Ratification:**Signature of Chairperson:** _____