



“We want every child to be happy, caring and successful.”

Policy Statement for Attitudes & Behaviour Covid-19 Addendum

Introduction

The underlying principles, which form the basis of our Attitudes and Behaviour Policy, are that we value and care for each individual in our school and that good behaviour is a collective responsibility for everyone in the school. The moral values that underpin all of the choices made by the school and its pupils are translated into ‘The Cedars’ Way’. During this period of national emergency these principles and high expectations have not changed, however the school has made strong policy adjustments to ensure everyone’s safety is paramount.

New ‘Cedars’ Safety Way’ for Children

We have a new Cedars’ Safety Way for children to follow and they are:

- *I will stay with my bubble at all times*
- *I will learn and play in the spaces staff tell me to*
- *I will only use the equipment I am given*
- *I will wash my hands when I am asked to*
- *I will ask an adult if I am unsure what to do*

We recognise that children will need time to learn and adapt to the new temporary ‘Cedars’ Safety Way’. However, stakeholders need to be aware that the school will not have its full complement of resources because not all staff are available to work. This will impact on the overall provision the school can offer and its ability to safely manage challenging behaviour. Consequently, at this moment in time, we will be totally reliant on all children at the first time of asking following new ‘Cedars’ Safety Way’ in order to keep them and staff as safe as possible. We will have no flexibility in this area because it is unsafe. If a child’s behaviour does not comply with the new ‘Cedars’ Safety Way’ then the behaviour will be deemed a ‘Serious Incident’. Any non-compliance will result in a risk assessment being undertaken and decisions being made on the viability of continued attendance to maintain the safety of all stakeholders.

For pupils with identified additional needs, a SEND risk assessment will be undertaken in consultation with senior school staff, the specialist teacher team/other professional agencies and parents. The school will endeavour to meet every pupil’s additional needs, but it must be recognised that the school has reduced resources and staff/child safety must be preserved.

At this time, internal seclusion will not be possible due to staffing and space shortages.



New Cedars Safety Rules for Parent/Carers

We acknowledge the vital role that parents play in developing positive attitudes and good behaviour. It is expected that parents will act as good role models by following these temporary rules when sending their child/children to Cedars.

Parent/Carer will:

- *not send their child to school with a temperature, a new continuous cough or with a loss or change to sense of smell or taste*
- *wear a face mask when on school site*
- *collect their child immediately from school if they become unwell*
- *only have one adult take and pick up their child/children*
- *enter and exit the school grounds as directed for their child/children*
- *arrive only at the school grounds for their child/children's specified drop-off and pick-up times*
- *observe 2 metre social distancing at all times when releasing their child to a member of staff and receiving their child from a member of staff*
- *leave the school site immediately following drop-off and pick-up*
- *provide their child with a refillable water bottle that is taken home each day for washing*
- *provide their child with a packed lunch (children eligible for universal infant free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and 2) and free school meals with be provided with a packed lunch)*
- *send their child to school in school uniform*
- *not send their child to school with stationery/toys/book bags from home (just a lunch box) and spare clothes (if they are Nursery age)*
- *contact the school via email or phone for all enquiries*

By Parent Carer sending their child/children to Cedars Primary and Nursery they are agreeing to support their child with the new 'Cedars' Safety Way' and new Cedars Safety Rules for parent/carers.

This addendum will be continually reviewed in line with government guidelines.

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