



COVID-19 Behaviour Policy Addendum

Addendum Applicable During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Period of Partial School Closures

This addendum is intended to cover the additional considerations to student behaviour caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unless otherwise covered here, our normal Behaviour Policy continues to apply. Any additions or amendments listed should not in any way override or diminish an individual's responsibility to safeguard children and to act in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.

It is the belief of all staff that students at The Matthew Arnold School understand the need to take extra precautions at this critical time; it is our intention to work with them in a collaborative, cooperative and guiding manner to ensure students remain healthy and continue to learn in a safe and supportive environment. Sanctions will be taken in an objective and measured way; however, the health and safety of all remains paramount.

1. Home learning

The school expects that:

- Students login to all live lessons, tutor sessions, assemblies and wellbeing sessions given on the timetable unless there is a valid reason given in advance
- In cases where students have been unable to attend a live session, they undertake to listen to the recording in their own time
- Students follow the lesson expectations which are that:
 - They join promptly and remain in the lesson from start to finish
 - They enter the session with camera facility disabled and microphone muted
 - They do not attempt to adjust the settings put in place by the teacher
 - They are aware that all sessions are recorded
 - They use the chat /hand up facility in a responsible way to contribute to the lesson
 - They do not make inappropriate comments or use racist, homophobic, discriminatory, or bullying language/behaviour, either on the microphone, on the chat facility, by email or using any other means
 - They use an appropriate tone in their chats, paying attention where necessary to spelling and grammar and avoiding 'text talk' or slang
 - They only unmute their microphones if asked to do so by a member of staff and mute them again once they have made their contribution
 - They are mindful and respectful of staff and other students in the session
 - They complete all assignments connected to the lesson, whether given in advance or after the lesson, unless a valid reason is given
- They do not use any medium other than school email or the relevant Team to contact a member of staff

Possible sanctions for non-compliance:

- Direct contact with student with reminder of the rules
- Removal from the lesson
- Contact with parents or carers by class teacher, tutor or HOY
- Removal from a series of lessons
- Removal from all lessons
- Fixed-term exclusion from school
- Permanent exclusion from school

2. In-school learning

Students should:

- Attend all onsite sessions according to the schedule, unless a valid reason is given in advance
- Attend any live lessons that are timetabled while they are in school, following the rules above
- Adhere to all social distancing rules
- Adhere to emergency procedures
- Follow the one-way system
- Remain in designated areas
- Understand and apply rules on hygiene, in particular
 - Handwashing routines
 - 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' guidelines on coughs and sneezes
 - Use of the water machine
 - Use of toilets
 - Use and disposal of PPE, especially face masks, should they choose to wear it

Possible sanctions for non-compliance:

- Reminder of the rules
- Removal to room away from other students
- Fixed-term exclusion from school
- Permanent exclusion from school

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