

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



ADDENDUM BEHAVIOUR AND REWARDS POLICY: COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL

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At Newport Girls' High School, the safety and wellbeing of the school community is our number one priority. This includes all students, staff, parents, governors. In light of the recent government guidance regarding a full return to school in March it is imperative that all members of our school community are fully aware of some additional expectations of behaviour in order to keep our community safe.

As we embark on a full return to school, an addendum to our existing school policy is required, in order to:

- Provide a **consistent approach** to behaviour management across the school
- **Define** what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour
- Outline **how students are expected to behave**

We expect all pupils to continue to follow our expectations as written in the full behaviour and rewards policy. However, there are some additional expectations that are going to be necessary to keep our school community safe.

We expect all students and staff who are back in school to adhere to the following:

- Respecting the revised day to day expectations
- This includes drop off and collection times
- Remaining **ONLY** in your own allocated areas of the school, this includes only using rooms that are allocated to your year group 'bubble'
- Ensuring that you use the identified toilets for your 'bubble' before school
- Using the nearest toilets to the room that you are in
- Following the one-way system around the school site
- Spending break and lunchtimes in Austen, Roddam, Seacole or X, Y, Z groups to reduce mixing within year group bubbles
- Ensuring that during breaks and lunch times if inside you are only in your **allocated** rooms, if outside you are only in your allocated areas
- Ensure that you follow the advice regarding arrival to school, each bubble will have their own entries to the school
- All members of the school community should obey social distancing rules at all times, teachers need to be able to socially distance from students as they are working across a number of bubbles each day
- No students or staff are able to leave the school site and return during the same day
- All members of the school community should follow the hygiene rules, including washing hands on arrival to school, at break time, before lunch, after lunch and before leaving the school site
- Ensure that you are aware of your own health and that you are well before entering the school site
- Students should inform an adult immediately if they feel they are unwell with any Covid-19 symptoms
- Students should use tissues when sneezing or coughing and dispose of these in the bins provided
- Students should try to stagger going to the toilet areas to prevent close contact in a small space
- Students must bring in all of their own equipment that they will need for the day, including books, stationery, calculators etc we will be unable to share equipment across the class and they shouldn't be borrowing items from friends
- All toilets and communal areas will be cleaned regularly during the school day
- Students need to bring their own filled water bottles. The option to purchase food at break and lunchtime will be available in March, but students will need to follow instructions about lunch timing and queuing systems in order to reduce mixing across student 'bubbles.' Packed lunches can also be

brought into school and students are reminded that they should not be sharing drinks and food when at school.

- Students need to sit in the dining room in class bubbles rather than year group bubbles.
- Students are asked to wear facemasks/coverings at all times when inside the building (to be reviewed at Easter).
- House points will continue to be applied by members of staff for students who display positive behaviours against these additional expectations

In the unfortunate event of a student being unable to follow these expectations, students will be given clear, explicit warnings and reminders about safe choices. If they continue to behave in a way that is not in line with our expectations then students will be sanctioned in the usual ways in line with the full school behaviour policy. In the event that there are recurring incidents which pose a risk to students and staff, then parents / carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child from school to ensure that safe working practice can exist for all of our school community.