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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sorry to have to write to you following some unacceptable, unhygienic and unsafe behaviours in school from some children. They have been spitting, blowing 'raspberries' in each other's faces. Some have also been picking their noses and waving dirty tissues in faces. We have a 'zero' tolerance for these behaviours.

As part of our behaviour policy there is an additional section regarding unsafe and unhygienic behaviours especially where they are deliberate. We have copied the extract from our policy below.

Appendix 1: COVID-19

We expect children to follow the normal procedures of exemplary behaviour at all times.

The behaviour as set out in the main body of the policy is still expected at all times.

Based on current guidelines from the Government, this appendix covers behavioural expectations during COVID-19.

Parents/Carers will need to be contactable at all times and agree to collect their child immediately when requested.

Not following any of the expectations below **will result in immediate withdrawal of the pupil and parents will be called to collect:**

- The ability to follow instructions the first time they are given which is a matter of safety for all
- Deliberate or malicious intent to endanger anyone, including staff.
- Absconding, or attempt to abscond, while being removed to or kept at a place of isolation
- Failing to maintain good hygiene in school: following modelled handwashing expectations (as set out by Public Health England), handling equipment that is not part of their pack without explicit instruction from an adult and not covering their mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing followed by washing their hands.

Please can you talk to your child over the weekend, regarding unsafe and unhygienic behaviours and reiterate the seriousness of the consequences to them and others.

We have spoken today to a few classes telling them these behaviours will not be tolerated and have explained the consequences if they choose to ignore this. We will have no option but to send home any child whose behaviour falls below our expectations.

Thank you for your continuing support in these challenging times.

Yours Sincerely

The Senior Leadership Team