Queens Road Academy

Policy Amendments Summary during Pandemic or epidemic (e.g. Covid-19)

Version 1

There have been significant changes within our school in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. While the majority of our children remain at home, schools are commencing a phased return of pupils.

The Department for Education has administered guidance for schools to follow to ensure the safety of pupils, families and staff at this time. In light of this, the following policy changes have been implemented to our educational policies.

Learning – If pupils are attending school, despite the 'bubble' class group they are in, the work will still be planned for by their original class teacher. The classwork will cover 9 tasks per week shared via QRA Google classrooms. Activities will be supplemented each day with; outdoor, social or creative tasks

Home Learning – QRA has made available a number of different options for home learning. The school website has a Home learning section with ideas and support resources (e.g. 'Bug Club' for reading, 'Times-tables Rock stars' and 'Espresso' content platform. Each class has an online teacher-supported learning environment via Google classrooms. Pupils are able to receive/request and be supported by their class teacher using the unique secure login provided by school.

Homework Policy - No homework, including spellings or home reading books will be issued during this time.

Behaviour - During partial closure we will review some elements of our Behaviour Management Policy (See Behaviour policy 2020 in addition to School Traffic light system) to reflect revised operational processes within the school. Children will now be in much smaller groups and will all be experiencing a high degree of change which will be supported at a social and emotional level by the staff working with them to reassure and support the new temporary norms. Our experience so far of working with these smaller groups is one of positive impact on behaviour and there is mutual support between the children and staff. Our underpinning principles of the Traffic-Light system have not changed. Example Amendments are; There will be increased tolerance from school on the wearing of correct uniform, instant move to Red for spitting and parents called, removal of token system for in-class rewards decided between the children and class teacher as appropriate. If a child needs 'time-out' they will do so in the classroom, not in another class. Children with specific behaviour needs will have a shared personal risk assessment.

School Uniform - School uniform will continue to be required to be worn at this time by pupils. We feel this supports pride and promotes good behaviours. We ask families to ensure items are washed daily. Due to this and the challenges in shopping, QRA is accepting that correct full uniform is not always possible. There is also no requirement of provision of PE kit.

Collective Worship - Collective Worship will take place daily for each separate group of pupils as a thinking time in class. Pupils will remain within their group or 'bubble' and not join together at this time as a school for Collective Worship. Marking In order to maintain social distancing and to comply with health and safety guidelines, marking will be based around live marking and verbal feedback. There will remain opportunities for pupil self-assessment and self-marking within lessons.