

Eastwood Community School

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Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you, your families and loved ones keeping safe and well.

A lot has changed since we last saw many of you and we wanted to let you know what will be different in September when the Government has said **all** children **MUST** return to school.

Class teachers:

The teaching team will be as follows:

Pre-school	will operate a little differently in September, and all families affected will be contacted separately.
Nursery	Mrs Herrington & Nursery Nurse team
Reception	Mrs Budimir, Mrs Herrington & Mrs O'Connor
Year 1	Mrs Richardson & Mrs Ickringill
Year 2	Miss Pickles, Mrs Saleem & Mrs Reilly
Year 3	Mrs Jahangir, Mrs Moore & Mrs Lyon (an experienced teacher joining us from Bradford)
Year 4	Mr Hawker & Mr Briggs
Year 5	Miss Ahmed & Mr Perkin (an experienced teacher joining us from Skipton)
Year 6	Mrs Wright & Mrs Bi (Miss Rukhsana)

The staff above will be well supported by our existing team of teaching assistants and support staff so your children will be well looked after while with us.

Mrs Shaw sadly leaves us at the end of this term for new adventures. We thank her for her time with us and wish her all the best.

We extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Lyon and Mr Perkin and hope they are very happy members of our school family.

Social distancing and 'bubbles'

The Government still needs us all to keep social distancing as much as possible, even in September. We are busy planning things at the moment and, although things are subject to change if the Government tell us to, we wanted to let you know some of the things which will be different. We will keep in touch with you and give you more information nearer the time but the information below should be helpful to you.

The following systems will be in place for **everyone** in September, until further notice:

- All people entering / exiting the building must wash/sanitize their hands
- All adults must keep at least 1m+ apart at all times
- All classes of 30 children will become a bubble. Each bubble will not come into contact with any other bubble during their time in school – separate toilets, breaktimes, lunchtimes etc...
- Lunches will be eaten in classrooms. Packed lunches, where brought, can be brought in normal bags.
- ALL children need to bring a water bottle from home, clearly labelled
- Coats and belongings will be kept in classrooms; only essential items to be brought into school
- Enhanced cleaning will continue – sanitizing all surfaces, toilets etc.. at least twice daily
- Children will use personalized equipment – their own pencil, books, rulers etc.... as at present.



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- All adults and children will wash their hands regularly, especially before eating.
- All adults and children will use and dispose of tissues carefully for any coughs or sneezes.

Covid19

If anyone shows potential symptoms of Covid 19, we will immediately follow our risk assessment and Government guidance.

PLEASE DO NOT send your child to school if they, or any member of your household have any of the following symptoms:

- New, persistent dry cough
 - High temperature
 - Loss of taste/smell

Please phone 111 for advice and keep school informed.

Please ensure you are contactable at all times in case we need to speak to you. Make sure your mobile phone is on and with you please.

The Government has said that penalty fines will be issued via Local Authorities if attendance rules are not followed.

Whilst it is important that we keep everyone safe from this virus, it is very important that, if your child is well enough to be in school and does not have symptoms of Covid 19, then they MUST attend.

School grounds

To help support social distancing, we will have a 1 way system in place for dropping off and collecting. ALL families MUST adhere to this please, to keep us all safe. Entry to the school site will ONLY be from the gate by the Adventure Playground or Pre-school and exit from the main gate and Outdoor Learning Centre gate.

When coming to drop off your child(ren), we ask that only 1 parent attends to keep numbers to a minimum and that adults do not gather to chat. Everyone must follow social distancing at all times when on or around the school site please.

Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed to enter the school building through cloakrooms or the main entrance. To help support you with any questions you may have, staff will be available in the mornings and afternoons and you are of course welcome to phone the office if you prefer.

Start dates

Staff will be in school on Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th September for training.

Pupils are due to start back on Monday 7th September HOWEVER, we will not be able to welcome all children back at the same time on this day. We will need to introduce year groups slowly to ensure we can keep everyone safe and help the children settle in as calmly as possible. Please see the list below for which year groups are to return on which days. For years 1 – 6, once your child's year group has started, they will be expected in school EVERY day, from the time listed until further notice. Nursery and Reception children will do part time hours to begin with.

We apologise for any inconvenience the different start times and dates will cause but we must have staggered starts to ensure we are keeping everyone safe and following government social distancing guidelines.



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Pre-school	Separate arrangements – you will be phoned about these individually.			
Nursery	Morning group	Mon 7 th Sept	8:30-11:30am	Pre-school gate
	Afternoon group	Mon 14 th Sept	12:15-3:15pm	Pre-school gate
Reception	Morning group	Mon 7 th Sept	8:45–11:30am	Pre-school gate
	Afternoon group	Monday 7 th Sept	12:15-3:00pm	Pre-school gate
	All groups full time from	Mon 14 th Sept	8:45am-3pm	Pre-school gate
Year 1		Thurs 10 th Sept	9:00–3:15pm	Pre-school gate
Year 2		Mon 7 th Sept	9:00-3:10pm	Adventure playground gate
Year 3		Thurs 10 th Sept	9:00-3:15pm	Adventure playground gate
Year 4		Wed 9 th Sept	8:45-3:00pm	Adventure playground gate
Year 5		Wed 9 th Sept	9:00-3:00	Outdoor Learning Centre gate
Year 6		Mon 7 th Sept	8:45-3:15pm	Outdoor Learning Centre gate

School will close at 12noon on Fridays, as through June/July for deeper cleaning until further notice.

Uniform

The uniform shop in Keighley is now open for appointments. Please book in early to sort out your child's uniform as they will be extremely busy over the holidays. School uniform (including plain black shoes and ties for year 5/6) is to be worn, and clean clothing to be worn every day. School PE kit (plain black/dark blue) can be worn while uniform is in the wash if necessary but we would ask full uniform is worn as much as possible.

Medication / medical conditions

If your child has asthma or any other medical condition, please ensure that they return in September with in-date medication. If they are diagnosed over the holidays, you must notify school of this on the return so we know and can keep your child safe.

Moving home / changed contact details

If you move house or change your contact details (eg mobile phone) over the 6 week break, please ensure you let school know. We must be able to contact you in the event of an issue.

Holidays 2020-2021

The term dates for next year can be found on our school website at the address below:

<http://www.eastwoodcommunityschool.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

Breakfast club & after school clubs

Unfortunately, after school clubs are suspended until further notice.

Breakfast club will be able to run from 7:30am but with limited spaces and these MUST be booked a week in advance by phoning the school office.



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Food and drink

School meals will be delivered to, and eaten in, classrooms in September. Wherever possible, we will continue to offer the children a choice of hot or cold options. All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be entitled to a free meal paid for by the Government and any families eligible for Free School Meals will also receive a free meal as normal. We are not sure how we will be able to accept payment for paid-for meals but we will send further details in September, as we know more. Please therefore be prepared to provide your child with a packed lunch if needed, thank you. If you would like us to check if you are eligible for free school meals (this also entitles you to a discount on trips and uniform vouchers) please phone the office.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE SENDING YOUR CHILD WITH A PACKED LUNCH PLEASE ENSURE IT IS HEALTHY (no fizzy drinks, large bags of sharing size crisps/biscuits etc...) AND CONTAINS NO NUT-BASED PRODUCTS AS WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WITH SIGNIFICANT ALLERGIES.

Lessons and the curriculum

To help support your children in making up for the classroom time lost during lockdown, we have made some changes to the curriculum for the Autumn term. We will spend the first ½ term focusing on catching up on the learning missed from the previous year group, focusing on reading, writing, maths and PHSCE (Personal, health, social and citizenship education) and ensuring they are happy and settled back in school. This is extremely important if they are to make good progress moving forward. We will then start to include other subjects (science, geography, history etc...) into Autumn 2. We hope that, by January, we will be working on the age-appropriate curriculum for their year groups. If you have any questions about what your child(ren) will be learning, please do ask the staff on door duty in the morning / end of the day.

Summer home learning packs

To help support you at home with your children over the summer holidays and support them with keeping their learning, skills and knowledge 'topped up', we have produced summer holiday learning and revision packs for every child. These cover key skills which they will need to have in place before they begin to learn new things. Any support you can give your children with working through these packs in small chunks over the holiday would be much appreciated. We would love to see any work which has been completed when the children return to school in September so please keep it somewhere safe!

We know there is lots of information in this letter and would ask that you take plenty of time to read it, and ask for support if you need it to ensure you are clear on what September is going to look like. It WILL NOT be school as normal sadly but we will do our very best to ensure that all our pupils receive the same high quality teaching and care that we always offer. **We would like to wish our year 6's leaving us all the very best for their move to high school. We know they have very bright futures ahead of them and look forward to hearing all about their adventures in the future..... We hope they enjoy their socially distanced celebration event on Friday!**

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support throughout this strange time, and for your continued support into the future. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer and very much look forward to welcoming you all back for the new school year.

The Eastwood Team.



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