

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. We know that the last few weeks have been very challenging for everyone and know how keen we have all been, and continue to be, to return to normal, or as close as we can get to normal!

We are delighted to confirm to you that the Government has said **all** children **MUST** return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

Measures to keep everyone safe

The Government has published updated guidance which all schools must follow to keep everyone safe. The **Hands, Face, Space** rule still applies. We know that the measures we have had in place before have worked very well indeed and will keep following them to keep everyone safe.

The following systems, in place from September, will continue to be in place until further notice:

- All adults must keep at least 1m+ apart at all times, and 2m away wherever possible
- Class bubbles will not come into contact with any other bubble during their time in school having separate toilets, breaktimes, lunchtimes etc..
- ALL children need to bring a water bottle, clearly labelled
- Coats and belongings will be kept in classrooms; only essential items to be brought into school – no book bags/rucksacks please.
- Enhanced cleaning will continue – sanitizing all surfaces, toilets etc..
- Children will use personalized equipment – their own pencil, books, rulers etc...
- All adults and children will wash their hands regularly, on entry and exit of spaces and before/after eating.
- All adults and children will use and dispose of tissues carefully for any coughs or sneezes into lidded bins.
- Windows and internal doors will be kept open for ventilation

Covid19 and Attendance

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 or a loss of taste/smell.



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Please phone 111 for advice and keep school informed on the school **Covid phone 07760 721495**. Make sure your mobile phone is on and with you please – you need to be contactable at all times in case we need to speak to you.

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

School will continue to close at lunch on Fridays, for deeper cleaning and staff planning time.

Bubble closures

Providing everyone follows the safety measures in place, these should be kept to a minimum. In the event a bubble does have to close following a positive case in the class, you will be notified and asked to collect your child immediately. You will be provided with a home learning pack covering the isolation period of up to 8 school days, and 10 days in total. This should be completed and returned to school when the bubble reopens. School will keep in contact with you throughout. Only your child will need to stay at home; the rest of your family can attend work / school etc. as normal unless someone in your household develops Covid symptoms.

School grounds

- Our 1 way system is still in place for dropping off and collecting. ALL families **MUST** adhere to this please, to keep us all safe.
- Year group gates and entry / exit times are as follows.

Pre-school	Morning group	8:30-11:20am	Pre-school gate
	Afternoon group	11:50 -3:20pm	Pre-school gate (no session on a Friday)
Nursery	Morning group	8:40-11:30am	Pre-school gate
	Afternoon group	12:00-3:30pm	Pre-school gate (no session on a Friday)
Reception		8:45–3:15pm	Pre-school gate (12:15pm finish Friday)



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Year 1	8.40–3:10pm	Car park gate	(12:10pm finish Friday)
Year 2	8:45-3:15pm	Adventure play gate	(12:15pm finish Friday)
Year 3	8:40-3:10pm	Adventure play gate	(12:10pm finish Friday)
Year 4	8:45-3:15pm	Adventure play gate	(12:15pm finish Friday)
Year 5	8.35-3:05pm	OLC gate	(12:05pm finish Friday)
Year 6	8:30-3:00pm	OLC gate	(12:00pm finish Friday)

- Only 1 parent to enter site please to keep numbers to a minimum
- Please do not gather on site or by gates to chat.
- Everyone must follow 2m social distancing at all times when on or around the school site please.
- Staff will continue to be outside to help you. Please respect the 2m distancing rules when speaking to them.
- If you need to speak to the office, please phone the office on 610212 to arrange an appointment
- You should only collect / drop off your own child(ren) or those in your Covid support bubble

Uniform

- School uniform (including plain black shoes and ties for year 5/6) is to be worn,
- School PE kit (plain black/dark blue) to be worn for PE
- Extra warm clothing (plain, dark jumper / fleece) may be worn over the top of uniform

Breakfast club & after school clubs

- Unfortunately, after school clubs are suspended until further notice.
- Breakfast club may be able to run but places will be very limited. Please ring to speak to Miss Butler (Deputy Headteacher) if you think you will need a place / places.

Food and drink

- Lunches will be eaten in classrooms.
- Hot and cold options will be available.
- Dinner money should be paid directly to the kitchen, in named envelopes. Please follow the one-way system.



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- Packed lunches, where brought, can be brought in normal bags. 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.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be entitled to a free meal paid for by the Government
- Any families eligible for Free School Meals will also receive a free meal as normal. 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.

Lessons and the curriculum

Your child(ren) will continue to receive a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. They will be expected to work hard but will be rewarded for their efforts and progress. Further details of our curriculum can be found on the website. For the next 3 weeks, we will have a weekly focus. w/c 8th March we will be being Scientists, w/c 15th March we will be being Artists and Designers and w/c 22nd March we will be learning about different world religions. After the Easter holiday, year groups will return to their long term planning and their usual themes.

Medication / medical conditions

If your child has asthma or any other medical condition, please ensure their medication in school is in date.

Moving home / changed contact details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details (eg mobile phone), please ensure you let school know.

And finally...

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support throughout this strange time, and for your continued support into the future. We know the rules put in place can seem irritating but it really is important everyone follows them to help keep us all as safe as possible.

The Eastwood Team.



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