

# Eastlands Primary School

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## Hello to all our families,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. We are certainly living through some interesting times and as we prepare for 1st June we approach another way of working in school.

Thank you to those who completed our survey. I will try to answer many of your questions in this Bulletin.

School will feel different for children, parent and staff alike. There will be some strict rules to follow. Many pupils, staff and parents will be understandably anxious about a return to school.

There are various models of how schools may reopen. Clearly the model chosen will need to reflect Eastlands school premises, layout and staff capacity.

Thank you to all the senior staff who have been developing the reopening plans and ensuring we communicate as clearly and concisely as possible.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th there has been further guidance issued to support schools in their reopening.

Guiding principles we are considering at Eastlands' when planning for reopening:-

1. Families in on the same day—Year 2,3,4,5 siblings to attend later on when the government says it is safe to extend opening to more children.
2. Class teacher /TA where possible so known staff work with children (following vulnerable staff guidance).
3. Prioritise year groups as stated in the government paper work—see link in last bulletin.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

Staffing -

School staff are dealing with the same issues as everyone else such as how to care for their children that are not in school, vulnerable family members, own health issues and of course staffing at any point will be affected by staff catching COVID—19 which takes weeks to recover from. We are three staff short in Nursery and Reception in particular.

A current snapshot of staff health profile indicates:-

- ⇒ 42% staff able to work at any time
- ⇒ 37% have vulnerable family members, are carers or have own low risk health issue.
- ⇒ 20% are shielding /self isolating or have a high risk health issue.

**Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility**

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## 1. Social Distancing

- ⇒ Travel to and from school. Please try to walk to school. If you do drive, leave your car a distance from the school. [www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june)—page 7
  - ⇒ It would be safest if parents walked along Lansdowne Place on the left hand pavement as heading into school.
  - ⇒ Walk around the school site using the one way system that will be sign posted and then
  - ⇒ Walk back down Lansdowne Place on the other side to keep flow of pedestrians in one direction.
  - ⇒ School will be accessed through the main front gate only but can be exited from the back field gate and the car park gates.
- ⇒ In school—clearly the message of 2 meters must be maintained when travel into school and around school. Inside school there will be a one way system for pupils to use if necessary. As a rule pupils will be designated an area and remain in that space including having lunch.

## 2. Quality of Education

- ⇒ Planning for children who are in school and those not able to attend. Pupils in school will have access to learning from a teacher and /or TA ( depending on staff in school) and will have access to outdoor space near their classroom. Children at home will still be provided work via the Home Learning Gateway (EPS website) Google classroom, See Saw etc.
- ⇒ Transition for Year 6. Transition meetings will take place via online meetings, the Local Authority are looking at possible transition visits to new secondary school,
- ⇒ Continuing home learning resources for families shielding or self isolating. Staff will continue to provide home learning resources for pupils when they are not in school.

## 3. Safeguarding

- ⇒ Respond to domestic violence, safeguarding, mental well being issues. Staff will managing these matters on a daily basis as before.
- ⇒ Respond to escalating issues. Staff will be managing these matters as before.

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## 4. SEND

- ⇒ Respond to specific Special Needs issues. Paperwork for SEN pupils will need to be updated. Meetings will resume using online communication.
- ⇒ Respond to underlying health issues. The school pastoral team will work with these families
- ⇒ Transition to secondary for SEND pupils. Online transition meetings will take place to ensure all relevant information has been shared for pupils in Year 6 and other year groups, who are changing schools.

## 5. Emotional & Behavioural

- ⇒ Bereavement support for pupils and staff. The school pastoral team will work with these families. Please see Support for Families page on website.

## 6. Hygiene/Cleanliness

- ⇒ Pupil and staff will be expected to wash hands on entry to school and at regular times during the day.
- ⇒ The school will be cleaned during the day and at the end of each day as per usual with particular attention to tables, door handles and other surfaces and toilets. There will be additional cleaning during the school day of door handles and toilets. Each child will have their own desk to work at and own equipment to use. Nursey & Reception and Year 1 pupils will be given equipment in a labelled bag to use. This will be retained in school.
- ⇒ Children should only bring in their coat, reading book, water bottle and for Key Stage 2 pupils, a pencil case.

## 7. Possible COVID—19 cases

- ⇒ If there is a positive case of COVID 19 in school we will seek advice from Public Health England on the action to take. See [www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june)—page 6

## 8. Building works/Logistics

- ⇒ Staff health will determine how many pupils we are open too and our plan could change daily or weekly. Please be prepared for part or full closure of the school at short notice.
- ⇒ Families of pupils will be sorted into 'bubbles' to keep pupils in smaller groups that will not mix with each other. Classrooms will be organised in a hub for different year groups and each year groups will not mix with other year groups at playtime or lunchtime.

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## The New Normal Preparing your child for a return to school – for parents and carers



Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service (EPS) have developed a webinar to support you and your child prepare for a return to school, in line with government guidance.

The webinar is around 20 minutes long and is pre-recorded so that you can access it when convenient.

The webinar is free to access as part of our work in virtually supporting families and staff in Warwickshire during this time.

We anticipate that the webinar will be available from **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** for 4 weeks.

If you would like to receive the links to the webinar, there are 3 ways you can do so, either:

- Click on "Warwickshire EPS webinar" link below
- Scan the QR code using a smart phone, or
- Call the Educational Psychology Telephone Line on: 01926 742 921.

Once you have signed up, the webinar links will be sent out as soon as the webinars are available.

[Warwickshire EPS Webinar](#)



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## Our plan is :-

- ⇒ To operate a four day working week **Monday—Thursday**, over a two week cycle.
- ⇒ Each year group will be split into two groups - Group 1 and Group 2
- ⇒ We have ensured that siblings in N, R, 1 and 6 are in the same group.
- ⇒ You will also be told which classroom your child will be taught in- this is important for drop off and pick up.
- ⇒ School will **not** be open Monday 1st June to any year group.
- ⇒ Group 1— will return to school June 2nd and attend school on the weeks beginning: **02/06/2020 (Tues, Wed, Thurs only), 15/06/2020, 29/06/2020**
- ⇒ Group 2- will return to school on June 8th and attend school on the weeks beginning: **08/06/2020, 22/06/2020, 06/07/2020**
- ⇒ Not all children are taught by their class teacher every day, as I have had to deploy teaching staff from other year groups, in order to maintain social distancing as best we can.
- ⇒ All class teachers will make contact with all their children from their class whenever they are in.
- ⇒ We will not be using cloakrooms. The children will be keeping their belongings on their tables which will be spaced within the classroom. This will act as the child's work station with their water bottle, coat, pen/pencil that only they use.
- ⇒ We will continue with our increased cleaning schedule of the school with contact points being cleaned throughout the day.
- ⇒ The school will close on Fridays to Years N, R, 1 and 6 so that the school can be deep cleaned ready for the change in group that will start on Monday.
- ⇒ The corridors within school will operate a "one-way" system to avoid children being too close, the adults on the doors in the morning will ensure that social distancing continues as the children enter the building.
- ⇒ We ask that the children wear either school uniform with trainers OR their school PE kit to school as, where possible, lots of activities will take place outside.
- ⇒ We also ask that when children return home each day, their clothing needs to be washed to avoid any spread of germs.
- ⇒ The children do not need to wear gloves or masks, we will still be washing hands throughout the day.
- ⇒ Staff will wear gloves, masks and aprons when dealing with First Aid or any intimate care. As with any illness, **if your child has any symptoms please do not send them to school and inform the school.**
- ⇒ If your child shows any symptoms of illness whilst they are in school you will be contacted in the normal way and you will be asked to come and collect your child immediately.

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- ⇒ The school day will be staggered to reduce the numbers of people in different parts of the school site at one time.
- ⇒ We ask that children are dropped off and collected by ONE adult and that the social distancing markers are adhered too when on the school site.
- ⇒ The main gate will be the only entrance but you will exit through the field gate and car park gate.
- ⇒ The timings for the school day are as follows:
  - ◆ Start of the Day:
  - ◆ **Year 6** will come in at 8.45. They will walk from the front gate to the hall door independently in the interest of infection control. There will be social distancing measures on the path to adhere to. Please do not allow your child to arrive before 8.45am.
  - ◆ **Year 1** doors will open at 9.00. Children need to use their outside Year 1 door
  - ◆ **Reception** doors will open at 9.10. Children will use the usual Reception cloakroom door
  - ◆ **Nursery** doors will open at 9.15. Children will use the usual Nursery door
  - ◆ Arrive at the time of your **youngest child** please and drop of older siblings as you go around the site.
  - ◆ **The one way system will be used at the end of the day also.**
  - ◆ **Nursery** pupils will be collected at 3.00 from the same entrance.
  - ◆ **Reception** pupils will be collected at 3.10 from the same entrance.
  - ◆ **Year 1** pupils will be collected at 3.15 from the same entrance.
  - ◆ **Year 6** will be dismissed at 3.20 and meet you at the car park gate or walk home by themselves.
  - ◆ Arrive at the time of your youngest child please and collect older siblings as you go around the site.

There will be staff on duty to show you where to go on your first day back.

These are the measures that we have put in to place. In all our planning, our aim has been to mitigate the risks, but I cannot make any guarantees. This plan reflects the situation at the moment and plans for the future the best we can.

We will aim to ensure social distancing at all times, but that is going to be a challenge, as it is not natural human behaviour and we do not want to scare the children. I wanted to set out our plans for the phased return to school, before I send out another survey to parents, so you can ask further questions.

The list of children in each week attending school will be sent out during the week so that you can plan your working and personal lives.

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## Summary

- ⇒ Only one parent should accompany child/ren onto site. Older children will walk in independently through their classroom doors.
- ⇒ Children to bring in coat, water bottle and 6 to bring in own pencil case
- ⇒ No hand sanitizer please
- ⇒ Do not send children in if showing COVID 19 symptoms
- ⇒ There will be staggered drop off and collection times.
- ⇒ Please collect all your children at the time of the youngest child.
- ⇒ Do not gather at school gate
- ⇒ Please do not enter the building. Communication is through HSCB and emails to admin.
- ⇒ You will need to bring medicines that are in date to school on the first day of your child return.
- ⇒ There will be no Before and After School Provision initially.

## Symptoms of CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Fever



Shortness of breath



Cough

## School Procedures—Risk assessment being updated

- ⇒ Internal one way system in school to be used only if necessary.
- ⇒ Unnecessary resources moved from classroom including soft furnishing and hard to clean resources.
- ⇒ Pupils will wash hands frequently
- ⇒ Key worker pupils who have been coming into school over the last few weeks will be treated as a separate group as they are in full time and not on a rota basis. As per government guidance we will endeavor not to mix different groups. Staff will be allocated to different groups and kept as the same team as much as possible. This group of pupils will remain separate from pupil on the rota of week 1 and week 2.
- ⇒ There will be times in each week where no pupils will be in so that cleaning of equipment, and the school's deep clean takes place ready for the following week's group, staff planning, contacting of vulnerable families not in and other key admin.

## Help us by:-

- ⇒ Checking your child's temperature at home each morning before you come to school.
- ⇒ Keep your child at home if you think they have been in contact with someone who has COVID—19
- ⇒ Teaching your child washing hands song,
- ⇒ Catch it bin it kill it mantra
- ⇒ Sending in your child with tissues.
- ⇒ Explaining distancing