

Eastlands Primary School

July Bulletin 2 2020

End of Term dates. -

17th July—school closes

Thursday 3rd September —school reopens for autumn term

Once again thank you to all our parents in supporting the school during the reopening. The children have been thrilled to see their friends, they've been thrilled to see their teachers, and just to be able to play with each other. Often when you're stood at the gate in the morning and see the children come racing down the road, the odd child will come and hug you before coming into school. They would love to be even a tiny bit closer, but they're really understanding about social distancing, and just giving waves and saying: 'Good Morning'.

Thank also to the school leadership team & premises team who have worked so hard to ensure reopening was successful and safe.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Messages from the government for September are indicating that the plan is for us to open fully to all pupils.

Here is the current expected guidance for primary schools from Sept.:-



1. No in class social distancing requirement in primary school. Staff advised to spend no more than 15 minutes with any child any one time closer than 1m.
2. Teachers advised to keep 2 m away from pupils and away from colleagues as currently
3. Compulsory engagement with NHS trace and trace—a whole class and associated staff will be sent home if there is a positive test
4. Pupils seated facing the same way, with uniform and frequent handwashing during the day
5. Attendance at school is compulsory and fines may be issued—unless there's a very good reason, or a local spike where there have had to be local lockdown.
6. There will be a contingency plan to return to 'remote' teaching if school is put in lockdown.

Confirmation of these guidance will come in mid August

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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Summary—Sept. Guidance—If school opens fully to all pupils as expected this guidance will remain in place:-

- ⇒ *Travel to and from school.* Please try to walk to school. If you do drive, leave your car a distance from the school.
- ⇒ There will be staggered starts and end to school day. Breaktime and lunchtimes will also be staggered.
- ⇒ We will continue with our increased cleaning schedule of the school with contact points being cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- ⇒ 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 as, where possible, lots of activities will take place outside.
- ⇒ Staff will wear gloves, masks and aprons when dealing with First Aid or any intimate care. As with any illness, if you child has any symptoms please do not send them to school and inform the school.
- ⇒ Please would you keep school informed if you test positive for COVID or suspect a family member is showing COVID symptoms.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Current advice is pupils to return to school in bubbles of around 30. This means there will no be big group events such as assemblies. No cross bubble activities such as after school clubs.

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- ⇒ *Only one adult to bring children Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 into school. Year 3,4,5 & 6 to walk in independently. This will keep number of adults on site to a minimum.*
- ⇒ *No hand sanitizer please*
- ⇒ *Do not send children in if showing COVID 19 symptoms including anosmia (impaired sense of taste and smell).*
- ⇒ *There will be staggered drop off and collection times.*
- ⇒ *Please drop off and collect all your children at the time of the youngest child.*
- ⇒ *Do not gather at school gate*
- ⇒ *Please do not enter the building unless essential. Communication is through HSCB and emails and phone calls to admin.*
- ⇒ *Deli—bags will be the only school lunch option so you may wish to send your children in with packed lunch*
- ⇒ *No scooters and bikes on site please.*

Internal School Procedures—Risk assessment being completed

- ⇒ *Internal one way system in school to be used by pupils and staff where necessary.*
- ⇒ *Unnecessary resources moved from classroom including soft furnishing and hard to clean resources.*
- ⇒ *Pupils will wash hands frequently.*
- ⇒ *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.*

Help us by:-

- ⇒ *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 and 'Catch it Bin it Kill it' mantra*
- ⇒ *Sending in your child with tissues.*
- ⇒ *Explaining distancing*

Thank you

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⇒ The timings for the school day are as follows:

- ◆ Start of the Day:
- ◆ **Years 3,4,5 & 6** will come in at 8.45. They will walk from the front gate to their outside classroom 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 & 2** doors will open at 9.00. Children need to use their outside classroom door
- ◆ **Reception** doors will open at 9.10. Children will use the Reception outside door
- ◆ **Nursery** doors will open at 9.15. Children will use the 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 & 2** pupils will be collected at 3.15 from the same entrance.
- ◆ **Year 3 & 4** pupils will be collected at 3.20 from their classroom door.
- ◆ **Year 5 & 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.

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 September the best we can with the information we currently have.

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 want children to feel comfortable in school..

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Please note:

1. This is all depends on the latest advice that is made available to schools and the situation may change.
2. Clearly if we get a local spike we will be advised by Public Health England and the local authority to return to the current measures of having Group 1 **or** Group 2 pupils on site only.
3. These groups will be affected by the number of keyworkers pupils we are asked to accommodate.
4. Staffing could be an issue as adults are at higher risk of contracting the virus.
5. We may be advised to close to particular year groups or the whole school if there is a break out of cases.
6. With all this in our minds please look out for text messages which are the quickest way to communicate urgent information.
7. With all these potential issues it is important to remember that Coronavirus has not gone away but is simply more managed at the moment. Care and attention to detail will keep the risk low. Risk may begin to increase as we approach the winter months and risk of colds and flu increases again.

Thank you for support and understanding in this fluid situation where there are different messages for school and for the wider community.

If we do return to a lockdown situation please refer to May Bulletin 2 for the detailed information of the two groups of pupils.

Additional Information

How to get tested

- ⇒ <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- ⇒ <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>
- ⇒ Or call 119

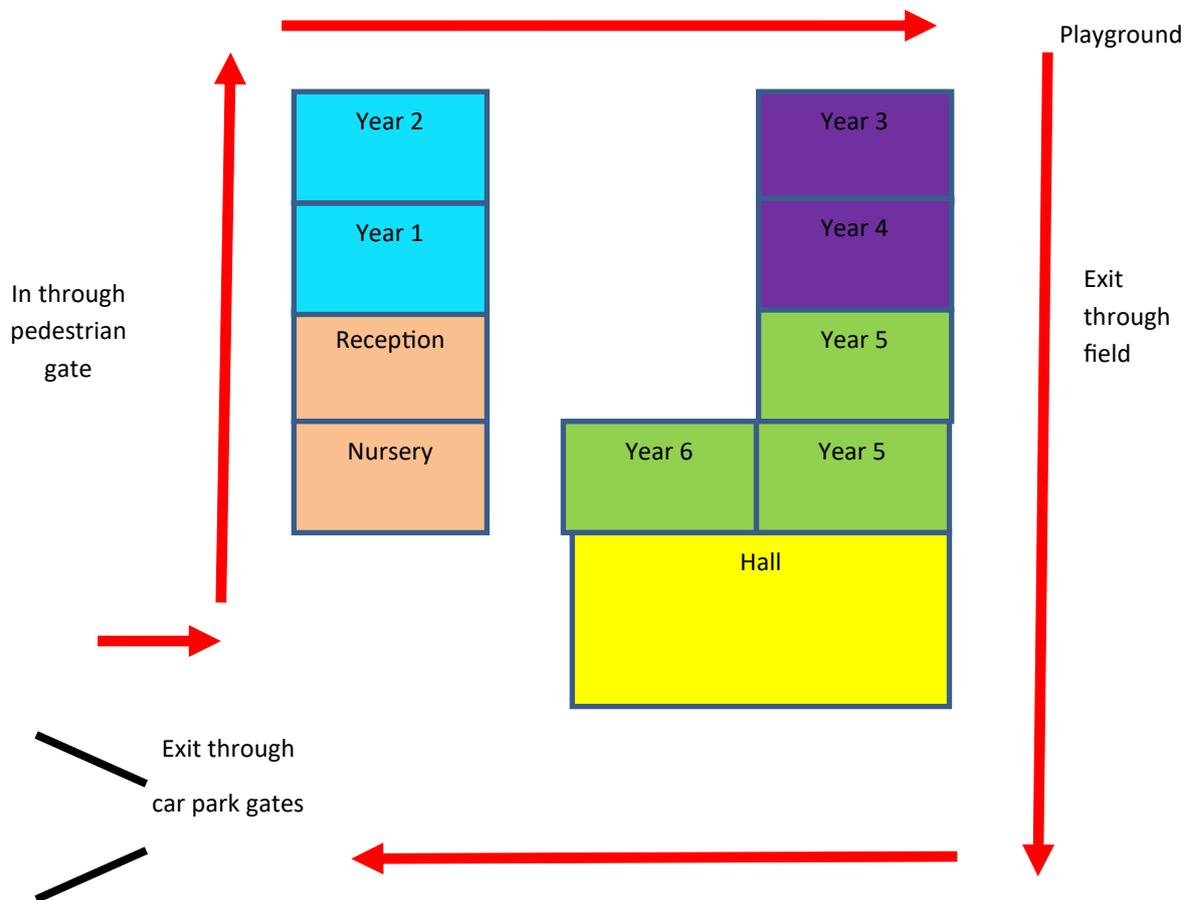
What will happen if there is a confirmed case or coronavirus at school?

- ⇒ If you suspect you have symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), you are advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
- ⇒ *Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class/group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

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- ⇒ *It would be safest if parents walked along Lansdowne Place on the left hand pavement when 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.*

One way Route for Children and Parents around the school site.



Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation in these matters.

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