

Eastlands Primary School

September 2020 Coronavirus Information Update

Hello to all our families,

Welcome you back to all the Eastlands families. We do hope you have kept safe and well over the summer break.

- * School reopens to **Year 1 – 6** on Thursday 3rd September with staggered start times
- * Dates will have been sent out to **Reception and Nursery** children stating specific days and times for their return to school.

Over the past few weeks school staff have been busy preparing for the September start and we are welcoming back all children.

Please take a few minutes to refresh yourself of the school's COVID practices in this detailed newsletter.

Also see

- * <https://www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/contact-us/communication>
- * <https://www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/contact-us/covid-measures-in-school>

The national picture remains ever-changing. Fortunately, at Eastland's we were able to offer some time to pupils to return to school in June and July. The school does look and feel different. Hopefully, this will have reduced anxiety for many of you.

Our priority over the coming weeks is to ensure that the children return to school feeling safe within the environment, comfortable with the new routines and procedures and able to rebuild relationships with their friends and the staff in their new year groups.

1. The top priority for all staff is to ensure that children's emotional needs are being sufficiently met in a manner that promotes an engagement and enjoyment of school.
2. Our second priority will be to understand the potential gaps in learning that may have arisen after such an extended period of time away from the classroom. We acknowledge that there will be a vast difference in the amount children and families have engaged at home and our task is to ensure children continue to learn at the level appropriate to them as individuals.
3. Throughout the first few weeks, school staff will identify an individual's gaps in learning and provide some additional support to the child and guidance to the families on how best to close the attainment gap.

Coronavirus symptoms and what to do if you think you have them.

- * Please would you keep school informed if you test positive for COVID or suspect a family member is showing COVID symptoms.
- * Public Health England have asked us to remind you that if someone in your household is showing COVID symptoms everyone in the household should self isolate until you have been tested. Please be aware that Public Health England's role will now be performed by a new body called National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP).

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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



HM Government | NHS Test and Trace

How long do I need to self-isolate for?

Scenario	Duration
If <u>you</u> have symptoms or a positive test	10 DAYS
If someone in your household has symptoms	14 DAYS
If you arrive in the UK from abroad*	14 DAYS

*excluding exempt countries

General information.

- ⇒ Before school and after school club is now open and staff are taking bookings for a smaller number of pupils. This provision is available on a first come first serve basis.

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 10 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/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

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General information continued...

- ⇒ Travel to and from school. Please try to walk to school. If you do drive, leave your car a distance from the school.
- ⇒ Breaktime and lunchtimes will be staggered. Lunch will be in the classrooms.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Children should wear school uniform with trainers where possible, lots of activities will take place outside. Your child’s PE days will be indicated in their HSCB. Your child should wear appropriate PE kit to school on these days.
- ⇒ Children to bring on their own labelled water bottle. Please send your child in with fruit for morning break.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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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Government Update and Guidance

- ⇒ The government updated their guidance late Friday 28th August.
- ⇒ 'Track and trace' is up and running.
- ⇒ All primary pupils to attend school. Attendance at school is compulsory and fines may be issued—unless there's a very good reason, or a local spike where there has had to be local lockdown.

⇒ System of controls for schools:-

- Prevention
 1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell
 2. Clean hands more often than usual
 3. Good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it , bin it and kill it ' approach
 4. Cleaning schedule enhanced
 5. Maintain personal distancing
 6. Where PPE where necessary
 7. Engage with NHS Test and Trace process—a whole class and associated staff will be sent home if there is a positive test
 8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst the school community.

⇒ Social Distancing Practicalities

1. No 'in class' social distancing requirement in primary school. Groups of pupils to remain in 'bubbles' of around 30. Minimal cross bubble activities.
2. Teachers advised to keep 2 m away from pupils and away from other colleagues.
3. Pupils seated facing the same way in older year groups, with frequent hand-washing during the day
4. There will be flexible break and lunch-times to avoid big gatherings of pupils.
5. At Eastlands, in the interest of infection control, apart from rest breaks teachers will remain with their class to reduce the number of adults in any one classroom during the day.

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Government Update and Guidance continued...

⇒ Timetable & Curriculum

1. Emotional wellbeing will be the initial priority for all staff to ensure all pupils are ready to return to school and learn. The timetable has been modified to include additional time for pastoral support, well-being and school values related sessions. These sessions will include collective worship, reflection and celebration across the school in the form of phase/year groups or class assemblies.
2. Curriculum Adaptations – whilst we are striving to deliver as much of the full curriculum as possible there are some subjects that need to be delivered in a modified way in line with national guidance e.g. some aspects of PE and music may be delivered later on in the year.
3. Swimming and Gym sessions will not take place initially.
4. There are no after school clubs in the autumn term. External providers such as Hotshots and Tae-kwon-doe are still determining their safest provision.

⇒ SEN

1. Targeted support - staff will prioritise getting the needs of the pupils on the SEN register met as soon as feasible. There are some restrictions and safety procedures in government guidance that will need to be followed and this means our usual provision will be different e.g. Staff advised to spend no more than 15 minutes with any child at any one time closer than 1m.
2. This support may well be impacted on by any staff absence as we strive to ensure provision for all children in the first instance and keeping the school open to as many pupils as possible. Putting this support back in place will take a little time after assessments have taken place.

⇒ Pastoral care.

1. We have purchased additional resources to support emotional wellbeing to address pupils needs in the coming months.
2. Staff time will be prioritised to address safeguarding issues arising.

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Site Guidance Summary

- ⇒ *Only one adult should accompany child/ren onto site. Older children will walk in independently through their classroom doors*
- ⇒ *Children to bring in coat, water bottle and Year 3- 6 to bring in own small pencil case if they wish to*
- ⇒ *No hand sanitiser or face coverings please*
- ⇒ *Do not send children in if showing COVID 19 symptoms now 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. 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's return e.g. inhalers and Epi pens.*
- ⇒ *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 completed and reviewed as required

- ⇒ *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:
 - ◆ **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6** will come in at 8.45. They will walk from the front gate to their outside classroom doors independently in the interest of infection control. There will be personal distancing measures on the path to adhere to. Please do not allow your child to arrive before 8.45am.
 - ◆ **Year 3 pupils** may be escorted onto site by one parent on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September to help them settle into a new class and routine.
 - ◆ **Year 1 & 2** to come in at 9.00. Children need to use their outside classroom door. Year 1 & 2 pupils must be brought on to site by an adult.
 - ◆ **Reception** doors will open at 9.05. Children will use the outside classroom door. Reception pupils must be brought on to site by an adult.
 - ◆ **Nursery** doors will open at 9.10. Children will use the Nursery door. Nursery pupils must be brought on to site by an adult. This time will be adjusted when children are settled.
 - ◆ 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 3.05 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. Please wait for your child outside their classroom.
 - ◆ **Year 3 & 4** pupils will be collected at 3.20 from the same entrance. Please wait for your child outside on the playground.
 - ◆ **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 times have been revised since July
 - ◆ BSAS will be accessed from the car park at the beginning and end of the day.

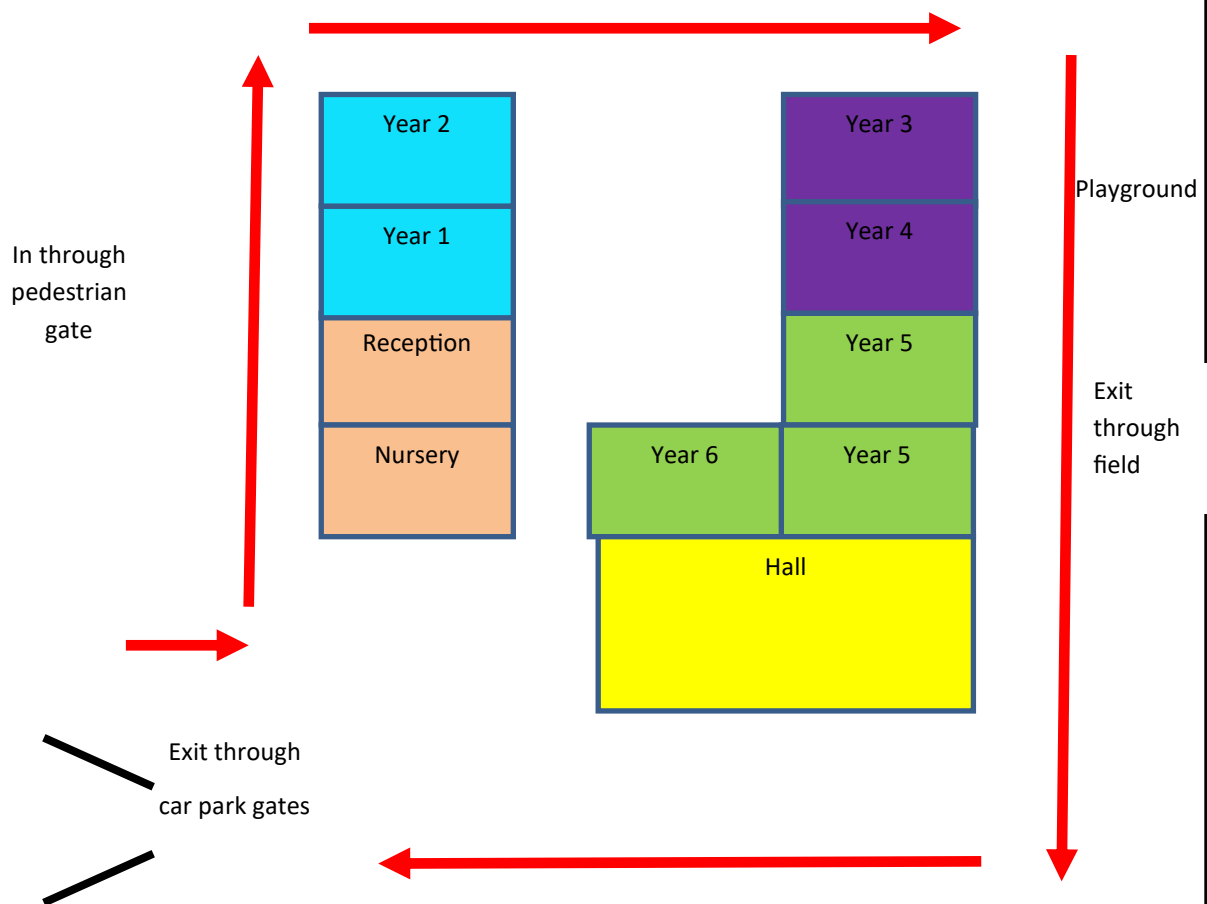
We are ensuring children remain in their group bubble during the school day. This will be maintained were possible (staffing permitting).

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- ⇒ *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*

One Way Route for Children and Parents around school site.



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

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