

Eastlands Primary School

July 2021 Coronavirus Information Update

Hello to all our families,

The latest government COVID—19 advice for schools has been published.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999689/Schools_guidance_Step_4_update_FINAL.pdf

Firstly, thank you to all our families, staff and children who have worked hard to keep the number of COVID cases down to a minimum in school. Parents support and co-operation has been much appreciated by all the school staff.



COVID has not gone away. The Prime Minister is quoted saying 'I want to stress from the outset that this pandemic is far from over'.

We should now interpret the latest government guidance for our school site, our vulnerable families and wellbeing of staff and pupils. We should consider how to manage future cases or outbreaks so school remains open for as much as possible to all pupils. As a country we are moving into a phase of 'learning to live with COVID' as we move away from stringent restrictions towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

Some practices in school will remain, some will change and some will be adapted in response to a case in school.

Practices that will remain the same :-

- Morning drop off with staff outside supervising.
- One way system around school site
- System of control measures for prevention of spread—
 - ⇒ Ensure good hygiene for everyone including good hand hygiene, 'Catch it bin it kill it', use of PPE where appropriate
 - ⇒ Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
 - ⇒ Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
 - ⇒ Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. including
 - ◇ sending pupils home when they display the COVID19 symptoms however mild,
 - ◇ isolation room for a pupil waiting to be collected,
 - ◇ PCR testing of suspected cases
- Attendance is mandatory for all pupils. Please can parents report suspected and positive cases to school. Thank you.
- Remote learning for pupils self isolating will be through a live link to lessons, hard copy of work to complete at home or access to learning sites such as Oak academy, Maths Mastery
- Pupil wellbeing and support will remain a focus for the school

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Factors to be aware of:-

- Staff illness and isolation as cases are identified is expected. Therefore, school will be short staffed at times.

To keep risk of an outbreak to a minimum we ask:-

- That only one parent come on site
- Face coverings are worn for the short time you are onsite and in any meetings
- Parents maintain distancing of 1 meter + from individuals they do not live with

Practices that will change as of September 2021:-

- The car park gates will not be in use. Parents will follow the one way system around the school site.
- Bubbles in school will no longer be required. However, at times, it may be necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups.
- Assemblies will return to normal with larger groups of children together in the hall.
- Lunchtimes will return to normal with lunches in the hall for all pupils.
- Before School and After School provision will return to normal
- Tracing close contacts and isolation will be undertaken by NHS only. School will closely liaise with NHS in the case of an outbreak.
- Face coverings have never been expected for primary age children but staff will have option of using face covering in communal areas within school or when meeting with parents. Face coverings are still recommended in the case of an outbreak.
- Stepping measures up and down if there were to be an outbreak in school.

Frequently Asked Questions:-

1. What will happen if there's a suspected/positive case?
 - * School will contact parent if a child displays COVID symptoms in school. The child will be isolated until parent collects.
 - * NHS Test & Trace will now oversee contact tracing in all education settings.
 - * From 16 August, the legal requirement to self-isolate for contacts of a positive case will end for everyone aged under 18 but children should stay at home if they have symptoms of Covid or a positive test result.
2. What things will stay the same?
 - * Guidance on hygiene measures, cleaning and keeping classrooms well ventilated will remain, as will local contingency measures if there are significant outbreaks. These may require greater levels of isolation, the reintroduction of face coverings and community testing.

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COVID-19

Stay safe.
Stay vigilant.
Stay informed **together**.

In September

- ⇒ **In September**—:-
- ⇒ Morning drop off **year 3– 6** pupils will walk on site independently.
- ⇒ **Nursery and Reception** children will be escorted onto site by an adult.
- ⇒ **Year 1 & 2** can walk in with an older sibling **or** with a parent.
- ⇒ School start time will be **8.45** and the end of the school day will be **3.20**.
- ⇒ End of day collection - one adult to collect children from their classroom doors.
- ⇒ **Nursery & Reception** parents will be able to use the EYFS playground to wait and exit straight back onto the main path through the nursery gate. **As shown by blue arrows on diagram on the next page.**
- ⇒ Year 1– 6 parents will walk around the site using the one way system and rejoin the main pedestrian path to the front entrance by the school office. **As shown by red arrows on diagram on the next page.**
- ⇒ Children should wear full school uniform. Your child's PE days will be indicated in their HSCB. Your child should bring 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.
- ⇒ There will still be an isolation room in school for suspected Covid cases. 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 are entering a phase of balancing risks. The risks of the disease which the vaccines have reduced but very far from eliminated. And the risks of continuing with legally enforced restrictions that inevitably take their toll on people's lives and livelihoods - on people's health and mental health. Transmission on schools depends on levels of community transmission, infection preventions and infectiousness of the dominant variant.

So far as a school community we have been successful in keeping cases down to a minimum even though Rugby often has high number of cases in Warwickshire. Once again, thank you for all your hard work in making this so. Some of the same drive and determination will be needed in the Autumn term as we move into the winter months.

Wishing all our families a restful summer break.

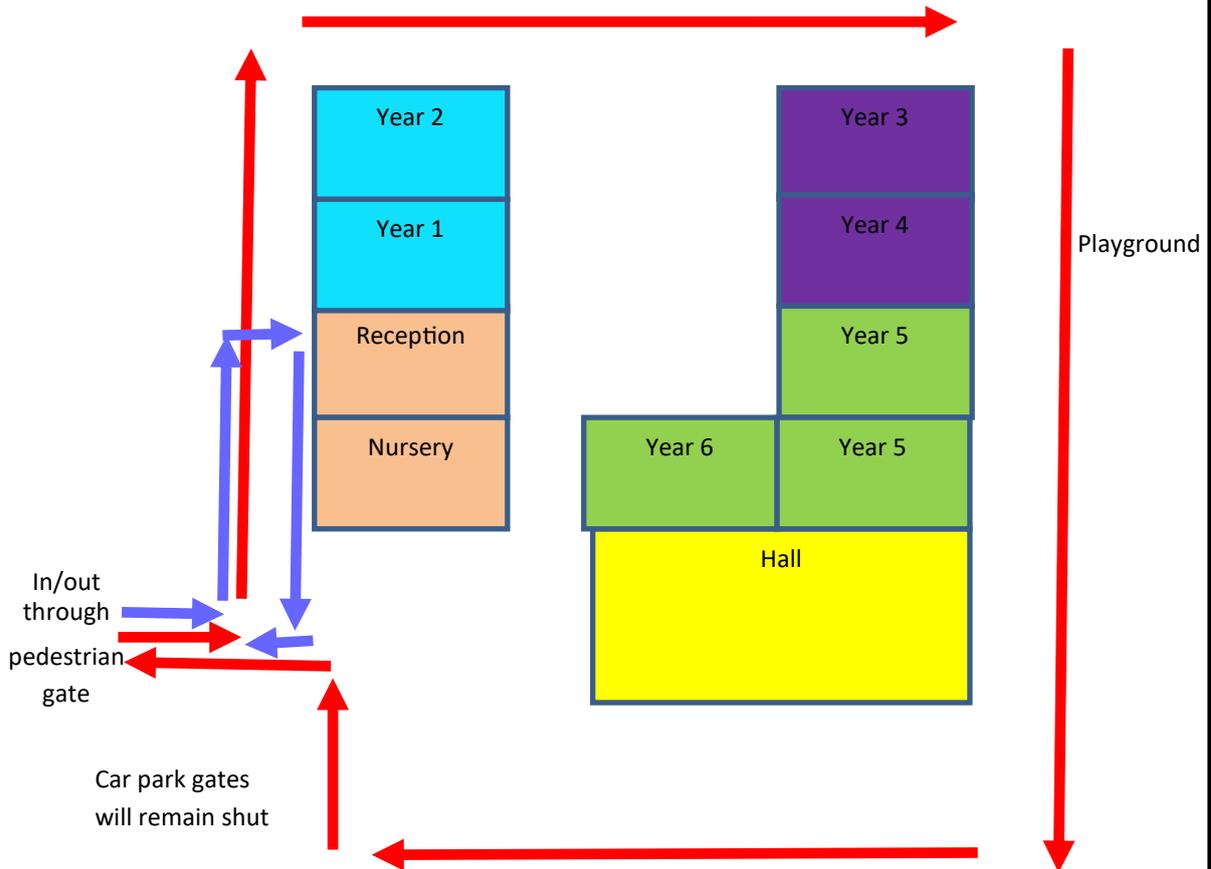
The Eastlands Team

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September 2021 - One Way Route for Children and Parents around school site.



Once again thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

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