

## March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 - School Reopening

### A summary of the arrangements for parents and families.

At Eggescliffe C.E. Primary School, our Health and Safety executives have updated our school risk assessment. This is available on our school website.

To help parents and families understand the actions we are taking to continue to keep everyone safe and our expectations of everyone, the information below summarises the main points in the risk assessment. Many of the systems we had in place in Autumn Term will continue.

### When will the children start back at school?

- All children will start back at school on Monday 8th March.
- Attendance at school is **mandatory** from 8th March and we expect all pupils to attend school and arrive on time.

### What do you need to do if you borrowed an iPad or laptop device from school?

- All devices that have been lent by school to families need to be returned to school on Monday 8th March. They belong to the school and will be needed by the teachers and children.

### What are the arrangements for uniform?

- School uniform sweatshirt/ tops, inexpensive comfy bottoms such as track suit bottoms/ leggings in dark colours that complement the normal school uniform (navy, black, dark grey), shoes that will double up for PE e.g. trainers that the children can fasten themselves (preferably Velcro for younger children).
- As it is our Summer Term, you may want to send your child in a summer dress or shorts (weather permitting). However, children are required to come in the above uniform on the days they have PE. This is to reduce the amount of items coming in from home and to ensure we can maximise the amount of time the children have for physical activity.
- There is no need for children to wear masks in school and children will be asked to remove them if they bring them in.

### Will I be able to talk to a Teacher?

- Parents will be unable to enter the school building at this time but phone appointments can be set up with staff. To do this, please contact the school office 01642 787945.
- Unfortunately, our school office will not be available for parents to 'drop in' at all; parents and families can communicate with our staff team through emails, phone calls and online meetings.

### How will we maintain good social distancing?

- Children will continue to be organised into their class bubbles. Staff will continue to maintain 2m social distancing **wherever possible**.
- We are very accessible and want to continue to have very positive relationships and communication with families.

### Will Celebration Worship take place?

- We will plan for class based worship but will carry on the spirit of whole school Key Stage Worship with Rev Sylvia, as these have proved popular. We are planning a new reward system of certificates to replace the SPARKLE awards.....so watch this space!

## **Will there be school meals available?**

- All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a universal free school meal and a packed lunch, made up in our kitchen, will be provided for children from these year groups and older children in school eligible for free school meals.
- Parents of other children will be able to order and pay for a school packed lunch through the ParentPay system.
- Children may also bring their own packed lunch.

## **What should my child bring to school?**

All children should bring:

- Filled water bottle, labelled with their name. This will return home on a daily basis to be cleaned and refilled.
- A packed lunch, if they are not on school dinners.
- Nursery and reception aged children: changes of clothes in case of accidents in a draw string bag. Clean clothes will be kept in school to avoid unnecessary transit.
- Please leave your pencil cases at home!

## **When should my child arrive?**

- We have extended the period for the morning drop off: it is now **8.45am until 9am**.
- All classes will use the **Front hall doors for entry**. Nursery will use the Nursery door.
- Please do not arrive on site earlier than 8.45am or send a child unaccompanied- there will be no supervision available and social distancing must be maintained. As there will be a lot more people around please ensure your child/ren line up safely next to you at all times and are not running around.

## **When should I pick my child up?**

All groups have been allocated a set time, it is **vital** to keep to these times, to ensure a congestion free exit.

The classes will be dismissed in this order and **will be dismissed from the Front hall doors together with their siblings so that the one way system can be adhered to.**

## **Nursery children (Acorn class will enter and exit from the main Nursery door.)**

- Acorn- Nursery **11.45-11.55am**
- Beech Class and Elm Class **3.00pm with siblings**
- Holly Class and Juniper Class **3.10pm with siblings**
- Maple Class and Oak Class **3.20pm with siblings**

Parents can give written permission for their child to walk to the front entrance to school for collection, if they deem the child is responsible enough to do so. Pickup outside the usual pickup time must be by prior arrangement- please telephone in advance. Parents will be asked to wait outside the office entrance, rather than in the entrance reception area.

## **What about lunchtime and playtimes?**

- Children in Years 2 to 6 will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms; children in Reception and Year 1 will eat their lunch in the hall.
- Picnic style packed lunches continue to be available. Your child should inform his or her class teacher that they require a school lunch. The class teacher will record their choice. Parents should pay through ParentPay every week. The cost has not changed. £2.05.

- Children will continue to play outside in their class or year group bubbles in separate social areas/ zones.

### **What happens if a child gets ill in my child's bubble?**

- No child or adult showing signs of infection are allowed on the premises.
- Staff and pupils are required to have immediate tests if they show symptoms. If a child is sent home with symptoms, we expect parents arrange a test for the child. We will request evidence of a negative test result (i.e. the text message from the NHS) before the child is allowed back to school.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of Covid must be collected from school immediately.
- All staff are using lateral flow Covid tests twice per week so we are confident we can identify any asymptomatic cases in the staff team.

### **What if my child, or one of our family members, becomes ill?**

- If any child in school tests positive for Covid, every child and member of staff in their bubble group will be required to self-isolate in line with the NHS Guidance.
- If a member of a child's household tests positive for Covid or shows symptoms, the child and the household members must self-isolate too.

### **What if I live with an extremely clinically vulnerable household member? What if my child is still shielding?**

- The government guidance states that **all** children will be expected to attend school from 8th March unless they are extremely clinically vulnerable and we have the NHS letter as proof of shielding.

### **What about other illnesses/ medication?**

- Normal school rules apply for cases of sickness and diarrhoea: pupils and staff must not attend school for 48 hours after the last period of sickness.
- If a child is receiving medicine orally such as antibiotics, we would like them to remain home until the course is complete. We wish to avoid any cross contamination from medicine packaging being brought in and out of school.

We know that some parents may be anxious about the schools reopening and we are here to talk and support you if you have any concerns.

Everyone's health and safety is our priority and we hope that, by reading this document, all parents and families are reassured that the school staff are taking every possible measure to create a happy, healthy and safe learning environment for all our community.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all on Monday!

**Mrs M Gates**

**Acting Head Teacher.**