

# Eastlands Primary School

## February 2021 Coronavirus Information Update

### Hello to all our families,

We do hope you have kept safe and well over the half term break. The Prime Minister announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March. Schools have been updated through a briefing with Local Authority and Public Health England. It is important for all children to return to school on Monday 8th March to benefit their education and mental and social wellbeing.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions>

Schools are deemed safe places for children to be, but are considered to be 'vectors for transmission'. The latest lockdown was to stop the spread of COVID so that the NHS was not overwhelmed not because the risk in schools had increased.

### General Information

In light of the latest Government announcement the COVID guidance for school has been summarised here and any changes are highlighted.

- ⇒ The Prime Minister stated all pupils to attend school. Attendance will now be compulsory and fines may be issued—unless there's a very good reason e.g. COVID symptoms or a spike where there has had to be local lockdown.
- ⇒ Year 3-6 pupils are asked to walk on site independently in the morning. Year 3 & 4 pupils are collected by parents/carers at the end of the school day from their classroom doors. Year 5 & 6 pupils are collected from the school car park gates.
- ⇒ Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils can walk on site independently either from the road where staff stand each morning or from the internal school gate. There will be staff situated around the school site to supervise all children. Collection at the end of the day will be as normal from the classroom doors. If your child is anxious about this change please let a member of staff know so we can support.

	Start of day	End of day
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>8.45</b> drop off at Nursery door and use path by school offices to exit	<b>3.30</b> collection from classroom door by one adult
<b>Reception Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>8.55</b> - walk in independently to classroom door	<b>3.20</b> collection from classroom door by one adult
<b>Year 3,4,5,6</b>	<b>8.45</b> - walk in independently along Lansdown Place to their classroom door.	<b>3.20</b> - Year 3 & 4 collected from playground Year 5 & 6 staff to walk children to school gates or children to walk home independently.

- ⇒ **Nursery children** must be escorted on site by an adult and collected by an adult.
- ⇒ Please take a few minutes to refresh yourself of the school's COVID practices .

### Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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## 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

### 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



**How long do I need to self-isolate for?**

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

\*excluding exempt countries.

## General information cont.

What will happen if you suspect Coronavirus in your family or there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at school?

- ⇒ If you suspect you have symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), you must self-isolate for 10 days. Fellow household members should self-isolate for 10 days. A child awaiting a test result should use BBC Bitesize, Oak academy and sites on the school website pages to access some learning.
- ⇒ Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class/group may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. There will be work made available through EPS Learning Gateway (school website) for a child advised to self isolate. This work submitted may not receive feedback as the teacher is teaching the remainder of the class full time. If a year group is sent home work will be made available through the Google classroom for KS2, Seesaw for KS1 and Evidence Me for EYFS. This work submitted will receive feedback.
- ⇒ 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.

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## General information continued...

- ⇒ Travel to and from school. Walk to school if you can. If you do drive, leave your car a distance from the school. Park responsibly with due regard to child safety and school neighbours.
- ⇒ Breaktime and lunchtimes continue to be staggered. Lunch will be in the classrooms except for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 and Free School Meals in Year 3-6.
- ⇒ We will continue with our increased cleaning schedule with contact points being cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- ⇒ The corridors within school will operate a “one-way” system. 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 as the weather improves. Your child should wear appropriate PE kit to school on their PE days.
- ⇒ **Ventilation—please send your child in with extra layers as the school needs to have increased ventilation as advise by PHE.**
- ⇒ Children to bring in 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 (**ideally the same adult**) and that the social distancing guidance is adhered too when on the school site.
- ⇒ The main gate will be the only entrance. Please exit through the field and car park gate.
- ⇒ 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 ‘
  - 4. Cleaning schedule enhanced.
  - 5. Maintain personal distancing
  - 6. Wear PPE where necessary

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## Government Update and Guidance

### ⇒ Social Distancing Practicalities

1. There is no 'in class' social distancing requirement in primary school. Groups of pupils to remain in 'bubbles' of around 30. Minimal cross bubble activities to take place.
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.

### ⇒ Timetable & Curriculum

1. Emotional wellbeing remains the top priority. 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 currently.
4. There are no after school clubs currently.

### ⇒ SEN

1. Targeted support - staff will prioritise the needs of the pupils on the SEN register. 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.

### ⇒ Pastoral care.

1. Staff time will be prioritised to address safeguarding issues arising.

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## Site Guidance Summary

- ⇒ Only one adult should accompany child/ren to school site. **All children (except Nursery) should 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 for children please.
- ⇒ Do not send children in if showing COVID 19 symptoms
- ⇒ Do not gather at school gate
- ⇒ Please do not enter the building. Communication is through HSCB and emails to admin.

### 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.
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ **Parents—Please wear face coverings whilst on or near school site e.g. outside the car park gates and maintain social distancing.**

This communication aims is to provide an agreed understanding, for us all, of the issues facing school currently. It will updated as the situation changes.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in these matters.

Your support is much appreciated during these changing and challenging times.

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