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Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into our second National Lockdown today, I am writing to reassure you about the measures that we continue to have in place in school to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all in our community. School continues to be a safe place for your children and they are all happy and learning well and thriving in an environment where they can socialise with their friends and have a sense of normality and routine during these difficult times.

Here are the key reminders:

	Attendance is compulsory and vitally important for all children, as they have missed so much schooling.		Children will be taught in their class bubble. Bubbles do not mix in school at any point during the day.
	Nothing should be brought in from home or taken home from school to avoid risk of transmission.		We do not allow visitors into school at this time, including parents/carers.
	Anyone who is unwell does not come in to school.		Handwashing and high levels of cleanliness are promoted in school.
	School is cleaned throughout the day and additional deep cleans take place.		Separate gates prevents families from mixing and allows social distancing.
	Physical activity is very important. Bubbles do not mix at playtimes.		Children are taught in small groups each morning to promote social distancing and more targeted teaching.
	We check for COVID symptoms and support families in arranging tests.		Masks must be worn at the school gates and staff wear masks around school when not teaching.
	Social distancing is promoted at all times. Especially with all adults, remaining at least 2-metres distance apart at all times.		Children have their own resources and do not share equipment in class.

I hope that we can continue to support each other through these difficult times and work together to provide our children with happy memories and positive experiences during this global pandemic. School is vitally important for children for their education but also for their long-term mental health and wellbeing. We will do all we can to ensure that our school continues to be a safe, COVID secure environment where we can laugh, play and grow together.

Family Fitness Packs

At Eastway, we understand the benefits of being active not only with our bodies but also our minds. Due to COVID 19, children and families have become less active and with another lockdown, this limits the time we spend exercising and being healthy.

During the summer, we ran a number of 'Family Fitness days' and the families who attended received a family fitness pack. Families who were unable to attend will receive a pack for their family this Friday. Your pack contains a variety of resources as well as a booklet with activities you can play with your child/ren. We hope that you enjoy them and we thank Mrs Billington for putting these together for you.

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Home Learning

Reminder - Every MONDAY your child/ren's new home learning is added to the school website. Use the 'Home Learning' tab to find the correct class required.

<https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/462932>

Our children are doing really well keeping up their daily home learning, reading, practising spellings and timetables and ensuring that they are making up for lost learning time and challenging themselves to constantly improve. We really appreciate your support with this. If you would like to know more about how to support your child at home and what they need to be working on, please speak to your child/ren's class teacher.

Social Supermarket & Feeding the Community

We are extremely grateful to Emma Wilkes (our community School Governor), Neo Community and Gill Dabek for all the support that they have given our school and our community. Food packages and activity packs were provided over the October half term and families were so grateful for the support given in these challenging times and when school was closed. Our school Social Supermarket has also been restocked and we have plenty of provisions available to support those who need it. We are not able to have visitors in to school at this time but if you need anything, please contact Mrs Dennett or the school office and we can arrange food or care packages, including toiletries, hygiene, cleaning products etc. We will do this confidentially for you.

Changing Weather

As it is getting colder, please make sure that your child/ren wear a jumper or cardigan every day and bring a warm coat to school.

These are set to be challenging times ahead for us all, we will continue to support you as much as we can. If you need anything at all or just someone to talk to please do get in touch. We are here for our families and support mental health and wellbeing. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Morris
Headteacher

