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EASTWAY SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are managing to enjoy the summer holidays in these very different times. We are really looking forward to seeing you all return in September and have been working hard to further improve the school environment and put plans in place for a safe and happy start to this academic year. Below is all the information that you will need.

As you will be aware, **school will be open for all children in September and attendance will not be optional**. This will be the welcome return of more structure and learning opportunities for all in school and part of our return to normal life. Full time schooling will be compulsory and we will be doing all we can to support you in ensuring that your child attends school every day. **Children will be expected to be in full uniform and on time for school**.

Your children's class teachers have now planned what will be taught, what will need recovering from the previous year group and put in place support for all children returning to school in September.

Free School Meals

Free School Meal Supermarket vouchers continued over the summer holidays for those who are eligible but will not continue for any families from September.

Extracurricular Clubs

As much as we value the importance of children attending clubs after school to develop an area of interest or try something new, we are not able to offer this safely when we return but will review how we provide clubs both at lunch time and after school from October half term.

Early Risers Toast Club

Toast Club will be back up and running again from Monday 7th September. This will only be available for limited numbers and must be booked and paid for in advance. We will not be able to take any ad-hoc places at this time. Details will be sent in the first week back.

Swashbucklers After School Club

Swashbucklers will be available after school from Monday 7th September. As with Toast Club, we will need to limit numbers attending and how this is managed in school so that children are not mixing with children outside their own family and children in different year groups. All places will need to be booked a week in advance and paid for before your child attends. Again, details will be sent by the school office in the first week back.

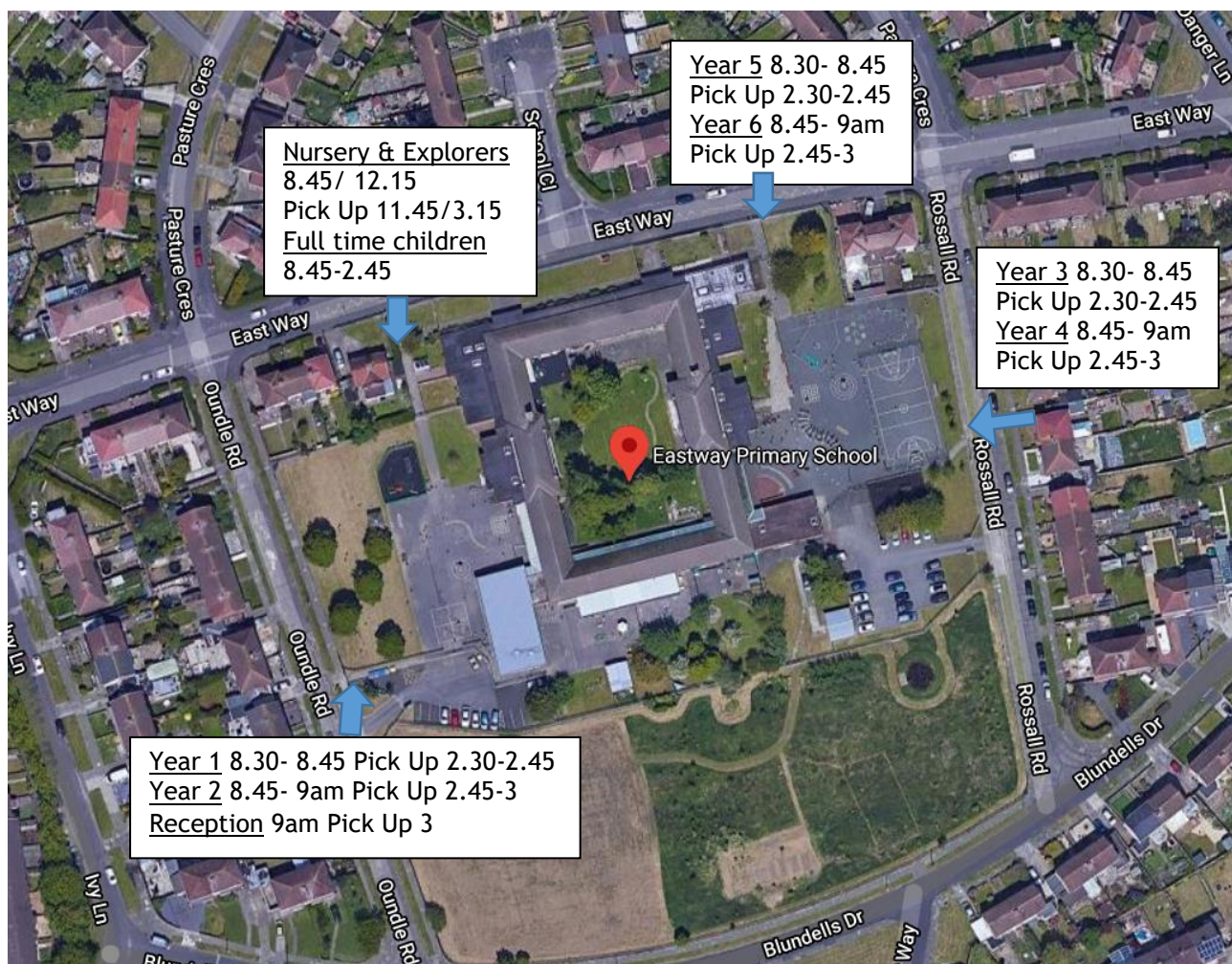
Class Bubble Arrangements

If your child attended school in the weeks before summer, you will be aware of how the 'bubbles' work. From September, the children will be back in their own year group class and this will become their new 'bubble'. We will continue to keep bubbles separate when in school so children will not mix with different year groups. They will have their own teacher and assistant, classroom, outside areas, entrance and exits, toilets and cloakrooms, this includes mobile phones and bags. They will not bring anything from home in to their bubble or take anything home. No items can be dropped off to school after your child has entered the building. PE pumps will be brought into school on the first week and remain in school with their Eastway PE kit and we will wash these in school regularly. Children will be allocated their own pack of resources when in school to avoid sharing of equipment.

Start and End of day Arrangements

We are very fortunate at Eastway to have number of different gates and classroom entrance and exit points. From 2nd September, the following four gates will be in use:

- Family Centre for Early Years- class teachers to contact you with session times.
- Oundle Road Year 1 8.30 till 8.45/2.30-2.45, Year 2 8.45 till 9am/2.45-3 and Reception Class 9am/ 3pm
- Eastway KS2 Gate will be for Year 5 8.30- 8.45/2.30-2.45 and Year 6 8.45 till 9/2.45-3
- Rossall Road will be for Year 3 8.30- 8.45/2.30-2.45 and Year 4 8.45 till 9/2.45-3
- SCD1 and 2 will have different arrangements based upon the transport needs of the pupils.



Please note that we are encouraging children to walk or cycle to school wherever possible. Children in Years 5 and 6 may commence coming to school without an adult, please ensure you inform class teachers if this will be happening.

Restrictions

We will continue to exercise high standards of cleanliness and put in place robust hygiene and infection control measures and actively promote social distancing. Large gatherings such as assemblies, school canteen use and team sports will not take place. We will not be having any visitors in to school, this includes parents and carers, unless it is a prearranged meeting and the guidance is fully followed. Late children must report to the gate on Eastway or the Family Centre where they will wait with their parent/ carer until a member of staff from their bubble can collect them safely.

Parent groups, Stay and Play, Friends of Eastway events and parent/ carer teacher meetings etc. will not go ahead before October half term. Our school canteen will not fully be open but will continue to provide free packed lunches for all infant classes (Reception to Year 2) and Free School Meal and Paid for packed lunches in Key Stage 2.

We hope that you understand that all of these measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of all at Eastway. We are following the government guidance given to us via the Department for Education and working in unison with Public Health England, Wirral Local Authority and our Health and Safety advisors. Our staff are doing all that they can to ensure that school is a happy, safe, secure and familiar place for your child, I would ask that they are shown the courtesy and respect that they so rightly deserve at this time. Your cooperation and support of the school is needed, now more than ever. We will not tolerate abuse, confrontational or negative derogatory behaviour on our school site.

A big well done to you all for continuing the Home Learning experiences for your children throughout this pandemic. They have been challenging times but it has been a delight to see families come together, play, laugh, learn and grow- making memories. Thank you for sharing these experiences with us and we cannot wait to see you all in September.

Early Years Provision

Our early years setting for pre-school age children is currently being improved and extended and will be ready to take more pupils from September. If you haven't already received a welcome pack and would like a place for your child, please let the office know as soon as possible. We offer fully funded places for up to 30 hours per week depending on eligibility plus additional paid for places at £10 per 3 hour session and £2 for wrap around care.

Key Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2020- SCD1 and 2 and Early Years and Reception Children start back in school- your child's class teacher will contact you with starting arrangements.

Wednesday 2nd September- All classes back in school see timings above.

Please note that we will be reviewing all of our plans and procedures during the first two weeks, we are hoping that the staggered start and end times of the school will revert to the normal school day hours once everyone is fully settled back. If your child did not return to school during the summer term or you would like further information, our website has a handy video explaining everything and lots more information. See you all very soon!

Kind regards,

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