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Dear Eastway families,

Welcome back to school for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year. We're sure you've all had a great summer and we look forward to hearing all about it in the coming days and weeks.

A sad start back to the school year as Mrs Morris, our Headteacher, has been quite poorly over the summer. She is currently in hospital and receiving the treatment that she needs at this time and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Staff have spent the last 2 days preparing the school for the children to return. They have also undertaken updated Safeguarding Training, as they do every year so that we're all fully prepared to keep all of our children safe and well. Following the tragic events in Southport, we have reviewed our lockdown procedures and we will practise this in an age-appropriate way with children in the coming weeks. Our school remains a safe and secure place for all of our families and children. If you would like any further information on our school 'Lockdown' procedure or how school plans for critical incidents, please get in touch.

We have had some significant building works completed over the holidays and have also welcomed Moreton Youth Club into school because their building has been decommissioned. However, none of this will impact on the return to school and we have all worked hard to make school look fantastic for the return.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August we had an enormous Pantry delivery and are now very well-stocked so bring a large bag for life and fill up your kitchen cupboards. We ask you to make a donation for this food if you can. The pantry will be open 8:30am-2pm from when we re-open on Wednesday.

We said a sad farewell to Miss Reid, Miss Lamb and Mr Hodgson over the summer but also welcome several new members of staff to the team this term. This includes Mrs Cray in Reception, Mr Billing in Y5, Ms Morris, Miss Wharton & Miss Pemberton-Platt in EYFS and we're confident that you will make them all feel welcome and they'll quickly become part of the Eastway community.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of several important pieces of information that keeps school running as a harmonious learning community.

- Children do not need to bring anything with them to school. We provide all resources for children including stationery, books and PE kit. All items precious to the children should also be left at home because sometimes they can be lost or damaged in school.

- Every child in school wears the same uniform. All items **must** be labelled with your child's name. Staff cannot look for items that are not named.
- All children **must** wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers or Crocs.
- Children **must not** wear any jewellery including earrings, necklaces or bracelets. This is a health & safety issue and you may be asked to come and remove earrings if children are unable to do it themselves.
- Children should be collected from the appropriate gate at 3.15pm where they will be dismissed by staff. Gate D for EYFS & KS1, Gate D for Lower KS2 and Gate C for Upper KS2. Staff will ensure that children go home with an adult known to them. If a different adult is collecting your child, please let the school office know in plenty of time.
- Older children are permitted to walk home alone if we have permission from parents. If you think your child is mature enough to walk home alone, please let the school office know.

We would also like to remind families that we have the highest expectations for your children and are very keen for them to succeed in all areas of their lives. We have a behaviour regulation policy which can be found [on the policies page of our school website](#) along with other policies that explain how our school operates.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

As we embark on this new academic year together, we want to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. Consistent attendance is key to academic success and helps children stay engaged in their learning. Being on time ensures children don't miss out on important lessons and activities that set the tone for the day. We encourage you to support your child in developing good habits by arriving at school on time every day. Together, we can create a positive and productive learning environment. It is crucial that you provide a reason for your child's absence in order for school to be aware. We will make contact with families for an update and a proposed return to school date. School opens each day at 8:40 - children are expected to be in school before 9am as registers close after this time. The government has provided additional statutory guidance for all schools - more information will be sent to our families regarding attendance specifically. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school as regularly as possible.

### **New Reception starters**

To help make a smooth transition into their new Reception class, children can be walked into school by an adult at the start of the day. Adults can enter via Gate D or E and walk across the key stage 1 playground. We are happy for a family member to support their child walking into class through school in the initial week of settling into Reception (until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September). As soon as you feel as though your child is ready, they will be able to enter the building on their own. It is hoped that this will help the children settle into their new class.

Please remember that the best way to contact your child's teacher is through the class email system. Class emails are for example, for year1@eastway.wirral.sch.uk. Class teachers will then escalate any concerns to the appropriate Senior Leader if needed. For

general enquiries, you can still contact the school office on [schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk)

We're really excited about all of the things that this academic year will bring. Look out for the bulletin in the next few days which will have all of the key dates (that we know so far!) for the coming year and please do follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see all of the incredible things that we do with your children in our school.