



EASTWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Bringing Learning to Life



What does Eastway offer your child?

A happy, successful primary school with a determination to provide an excellent education for all children.

- A welcoming school where every child is valued and included within a safe, caring community. **Bullying is not tolerated.**
- A school that recognises and rewards every child's successes and achievements and encourages your children to flourish both personally and academically.
- A **Building Learning Power** school that aims to develop independent, motivated and creative children who love learning and enjoy challenge.
- A school that encourages children to be confident, responsible citizens who are keen to contribute positively to society.
- An interesting and engaging curriculum that supports children to achieve their full potential and master essential Basic Skills.
- A learning partnership between families, school and the wider community.

A school where every member of the community works together to ensure that children are given the best possible start in life and achieve the best possible outcomes.

What can you do as a parent/carer to support your child?

- Ensure your child attends school regularly, on time and ready to learn.
- Encourage your child to try their best, be polite and show respect for others.
- Show an interest in what your child is doing, attend meetings to find out how your child is progressing and offer support at home, particularly with reading.
- Keep school informed about any concerns or problems that might affect your child's progress or behaviour.
- Monitor your child's use of the Internet, particularly any use of social networking sites.
- Ensure you provide at least 3 emergency contact numbers for your child.
- Ensure your child wears school uniform.

What do Ofsted think?

A copy of the school's most recent OFSTED report, September 2014, is available in the school entrance or can be accessed at www.ofsted.gov.uk/onspection-reports. The following extracts have been taken from the report.

- ✓ This is a good school.
- ✓ In the early years, all groups of children make good progress. The good progress continues throughout the school.

- ✓ Children are well behaved and happy within a safe environment.
- ✓ The school's strategies to manage pupils' behaviour within the two designed provisions are exemplary.
- ✓ The school values its good partnership with parents and families.
- ✓ Teachers' subject knowledge is very good.
- ✓ Teachers' very high expectations of pupils prompt mature observations, comments and questions from pupils.
- ✓ The strong leadership of the headteacher, together with that of the deputy headteacher, have ensured that the school continues to move forward. They are supported by a senior leadership team and a committed governing body.

Good to be Green

We operate a 'Good to be Green' behaviour system which ensures we reward children who consistently behave well and are good role models to others.

School House System

We have a popular and successful Olympic house system. The four houses **Lewis, Hoy, Pinsent and Adlington** are linked to Building Learning Powers - Resourcefulness, Resilience, Reciprocity and Reflectiveness. Children are encouraged to earn house points by following the school agreed Code of Conduct

Be Nice, Learn Well and Never Give Up.

Attendance and Punctuality

We place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. Any child with attendance less than 95% is missing out significantly on important learning opportunities. Please notify school as soon as possible if your child is absent and provide a reason.

Arrival and Departure

We place great emphasis on ensuring that your child is always appropriately supervised. He/she should **not be on the school premises before 8.50am** and will be dismissed from school between 3.15 and 3.25pm. Please remind your child to return to a member of staff in school if for any reason the normal 'going home' arrangements are broken. All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children must be brought to and from school by an adult, over 16 years old, who is known to staff. Staff will not allow children to leave with anyone who is not known to them, unless we have had confirmation from parents or carers.

Before and After School Care

We offer Out of School Child Care Monday to Friday during term time. Breakfast Club runs from 8.00 - 8.50am and After School Club runs from 3.15 - 5.45pm. It may be possible for some parents to get help with up to 80% of childcare costs. For more information please contact Kathryn Plant, Senior Playcare Worker, on 07947 954005.

Photographs/Video and Internet Access

During the year a variety of photographs and video may be taken of your child to be used in class, the school newsletter/website or occasionally the local newspaper (we never release children's names). Your child will also be given supervised access to the Internet to support their learning. **Parents and carers are asked to complete a consent form allowing Internet access and the taking of photographs/video of their child when children are first admitted into school.**

First Aid and Medication

Children are not allowed to bring any type of medication into school. If your child has asthma this must be recorded on the emergency contact form and an inhaler **MUST** kept in school. If your child suffers from any bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea the recommended period to be kept at home is 48 hours from the last episode.

In the case of an accident or emergency in school every effort will be made to contact you or someone else on your child's Emergency Contact form.

Health & Safety

Please consider children and park safely around school. Please do not park across the car park entrance. Eastway Primary is a non-smoking site. For health & safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the school site unless agreed with the Headteacher as part of planned learning activities.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery must not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears he/she can wear a pair of small studs. All studs must be removed for PE, including swimming.

School Meal Arrangements

All children in F2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a hot Free School Meal funded by the Department for Education. Dinner money for KS2 pupils should be sent in on Monday mornings in a clearly labelled sealed envelope. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals and free milk please contact the School Office.

Please send packed lunches in a clearly labelled container, no glass bottles or cans. If you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements please give at least three weeks notice to the school office.

Snacks / Drinks

All children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Children on **free school meals** are entitled to a daily carton of milk. Parents have the option for any child not on free school meals are able to purchase milk - payment should be made in advance every term.

Children in F1/2 and Yr 1/2 are given free fruit at break time provided by the government. Children in Y3-6 can bring in fruit for break or buy toast. Toast must be ordered and paid for every Monday morning at 9am at a cost of 50p per week. For health and safety reasons **we are unable to distribute any other food items unless these have been requested by staff.**

School Trips and After School Activities

Staff regularly organise trips and visitors, which the children really enjoy. Parents and carers may be asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of these activities. **It is essential that the 'official' reply slip, attached to all trip/activity letters, is completed, signed and returned to school before your child is able to take part in the activity.**

Toys

We ask that children do not bring in any items such as toys to school unless requested by a teacher. **We are unable to accept responsibility for the loss or damage of any item children bring into school.**

School Uniform

We greatly appreciate parents' support in ensuring that children wear school uniform: School uniform and accessories, including schoolbags, can be purchased from the school office. **Please mark all school uniforms items clearly with your child's name.**

PE Kit

School will this year be providing shorts and t shirts for all children in Years 1-6. This kit is to be kept in school. Parents/carers are asked to provide suitable footwear for PE.

Working with Parents/Carers

We welcome the involvement and support of all parents/carers and have a dedicated Family Support Co-ordinator, Steph Dennett, in school.

All parents/carers are automatically members of the **Home School Association** which supports school in many ways; organising fun events for children and families, and fund raising for school.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school. At the request of a parent/carers, an older child who is travelling home unsupervised may be allowed to bring a phone in. This is at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any mobile phones must be handed in to the child's class teacher to be stored safely.

Parents/carers and other visitors are not allowed to use mobile phones in school. Anyone needing to make a call or send a message, will be asked to do so outside school. Parents and carers may be allowed to take photographs and video on at **authorised events** provided they have completed the appropriate permission form.