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Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wonderful week at Eastway. We have been incredibly lucky to have the sun join us for most of the week and our children have enjoyed spending lots of time outside in the fresh air. Let's hope that it lasts for the weekend and beyond!

Uniform

We are still seeing children wearing trainers in school. Trainers ARE NOT part of our school uniform and should not be worn. All children need to be in black school shoes. If you are struggling, we can look at support for you to purchase the correct footwear for your child. For PE days, children will change into PE pumps/trainers in school and should not be wearing them during the day.

Keeping EVERYONE safe

With cases rising rapidly across Wirral and high numbers of absence in school due to illness we are asking again that you support us to keep everyone safe and well at this time.

- * keep at least 2 metres away from staff and other parents/carers when dropping off and picking up
- * do not hang around, drop off and leave and then pick up and leave. It is not acceptable to wait for friends or delay.
- * stick to your allocated time and gate
- * only one adult to come to pick up or drop off
- * do not congregate outside school
- * do not block pavements, entrance areas or gates
- * drive and park in a safe and courteous manner
- * step back, be patient, wait your turn and keep your distance when collecting your child
- * ensure you and your children are maintaining good levels of hygiene, infection control and social distancing outside of school
- * if you cannot keep your distance when collecting your child we will ask that you wear a mask
- * show respect to our staff, they are working tirelessly to ensure that school is a safe place for your children, to avoid any risk of infection, outbreak or illness.



You may have your own opinions or feelings on the strict measures we are putting in place to protect you all but we are trying to do our job - let us do this happily and in a calm and positive way.

We all want our children happy and safe in school but we can only do this by working together.

Despite regular reminders and staff kindly asking, I am appalled to hear that some individuals are still not taking this seriously and adhering to the rules we have in place at the moment. If parents/carers cannot stick to the social distancing measures put in place or are found to be putting others at risk or acting in a threatening or abusive manner towards my staff, I will be taking further action. Please set a good example to your children and respect all members of our community and their right to feel safe.

Road Safety

I am asking again following my polite request last week. **Cars should not be pulling up on pavements or pulling in to the staff car parks.** The pavements are used for families and children to safely walk to school. Safety is paramount and is everyone's responsibility. We will have extra staff on duty to carefully monitor. Please do not mount the pavement or pull into the kitchen area staff car park, it is incredibly dangerous.

A HUGE thank you!

Our Office staff have been under immense pressure since returning to school and our full reopening. They are dealing so well with all the enquiries and usual day to day running of the school office. They have been so impressed with how well parents/carers have adapted to the new expectations, especially the booking and paying in advance for wraparound care. Sincere thanks for your support and cooperation. It is all working so well and this is due to our families' commitment to work with us.

Protocol for if we have a Confirmed Positive COVID19 Case in School

We are so proud of our protective and preventative measures that we have in place at Eastway. We are managing to continue our strict social distancing, robust hygiene and infection control and I am incredibly grateful to my team, families and children for taking this so seriously to ensure the safety and wellness of all. We have a plan in place for if we receive notification of a confirmed COVID19 case in school. The whole school will receive a letter informing them and giving advice from Public Health England. Those who have had close contact with the confirmed case in school will receive a different letter informing them of the need to self-isolate and the date when they can return to school. We understand that this may be difficult for working parents/carers, but we must do all we can at this time. If your child's bubble closes, siblings can still attend school and household members do not need to isolate unless they present symptoms.

Remote Learning Plans

If your child is self-isolating or their bubble is closed, they will need to complete daily schooling at home. Our Remote Learning Plan pack will be sent home with your child, with resources and clear instructions and class teachers will set online learning as they have done previously. We hope you will find it useful and continue to feel supported.

Meet the Teacher and Home Learning

Class Teachers are busy recording an information video for you all and putting together the Home Learning Packs to go home next week. If you do have any questions, please contact your year group email or request a call back from the teacher via the school office - 0151 677 1235.

Kind regards

Mrs Morris
Headteacher