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Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had! It has been lovely to see you all back this week and attendance and punctuality has been amazing, we want this to continue. Children have settled so well into their new classes and have been incredibly keen to complete their learning. I would like to thank you all once again for your ongoing support of the school during this difficult time and respecting the new rules and procedures that we have had to put in place to ensure the safety of all at Eastway, we have really appreciated your kind words and consideration.

Uniform

All children should now be in full uniform, most children are and they look incredibly smart and proud to be part of the Eastway Family again. Please note that **trainers are not part of our school uniform** and all children should now be wearing black school shoes. If children wish to have trainers, old shoes or wellies in school for outdoor learning, you can send them in, but they must remain in school. School PE kits are provided by school and are kept here and washed. PE pumps should be sent in, clearly named, with your child and remain in school. If you have any spare pumps at home, please send them in as it is useful to have a spare class set when children's feet are growing. We love promoting individuality in school but we are starting to see some wacky hairstyles, please save this for the holidays. Patterns cut into boys hair and dyed hair is not acceptable. Long hair must always be tied back.

Packed Lunches

Children should not be bringing packed lunch bags or water bottles from home into school and then taking them home again. We provide a morning snack and milk/milkshake at morning break and water throughout the day. Packed lunches should all be disposable (Home Bargain and B&M are selling the brown paper bags that are better than plastic) and will be thrown away at the end of lunch. Our school canteen is still not open fully for hot meals, but are providing lunches for all children who have free school meals and children from Reception to Year 2. If you would like to order a lunch for your child, it is £2 per day, payable via ParentPay.

Meet the Teacher

As we cannot have parents/carers into school we will not be holding our normal September Meet the Teacher sessions. Instead, the class teachers will make a short presentation that they will send home electronically and upload on the class page of the website in the next two weeks. They will explain everything that you need to know about the year ahead including how homework will be set and reading promoted.

Early Risers (Toast club) and Swashbucklers

The school office sent out the information about the booking of before and after school club this week. Both will be up and running again from Monday 7th September. The places must be booked and paid for advance. For further information, please contact the school office.

School Day

The current system that we have in place for dropping off and picking up is working well at the moment, but we are looking to revert back to the normal school day timings in the coming weeks. The use of the different gates will continue as it helps us limit the amount of children moving

around school, stop the mixing of bubbles and also control the amount of adults gathering in areas so we can promote social distancing. We will write to you again next Friday to confirm if there will be any change. Next week, please continue to use the allocated drop off and pick up times and location and ensure that you are on time as the gates will not be monitored when the children are in class.

Family Centre Office

We are still not able to have parents/carers or visitors into school so our main school office remains unavailable. We are trying our best to resolve any queries via phone or email. If you still need to speak to someone, our Family Centre office will be staffed for you to speak to a member of our office team each day from behind the screen. We have our Social Supermarket available in the Family Centre every day 10 till 2pm, we also have a trolley for you to return any books or school equipment that you borrowed during lockdown. If you need to come into the building, this must be prearranged and authorised, you must provide your details for Track and Trace, wear a mask, sanitise your hands and respect social distancing. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Early Years

We still have a limited number of spaces available in Eastway Explorers (2 Year olds) and Nursery (3 year olds). If you know anyone needing childcare or school sessions, please let us know.

Illness and Absence from School

It is inevitable as we all return to school and the weather starts to change, we may get bugs and colds, but under the current circumstances I must make it clear what our procedures will be if your child presents with coronavirus symptoms. If your child has a new and persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or a high temperature (above 38 degrees) they must not attend school and receive a COVID19 test. The whole household must self-isolate with them until the results are returned. If the result is negative they can return to school. If you will not get your child tested, they cannot return to school for 10 days. If your child presents with symptoms whilst in school, they will wait in the medical room for you to collect them. I am aware that this may inconvenience you, especially if you are working but we must follow the guidance that we have been given at this time. If you receive contact from Track and Trace or we have a positive case in your child's class bubble, you must isolate for 14 days regardless of testing. All absences from school must be reported. Please call school before 9am on their first day of absence and let us know your child's name and class and the specific reason for absence. **School is compulsory and all children must attend.** We will be monitoring attendance carefully this term, your children have already missed a significant amount of schooling, so poor attendance or a flippant attitude towards school absence will not be tolerated.

Please ensure that you are polite and courteous towards our staff and treat them with the respect they deserve. These are challenging times for us all but abusive, foul language and raised voices are never acceptable.

Let's hope this is the start of a wonderful year at Eastway. Thanks again for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morris