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**What a start to our school year!**

We have loved welcoming you all back after the summer break and a huge welcome to our new children and families.

### COVID Update

We will continue to follow the COVID guidance and some restrictions remain in place at this time. We are seeing cases rising locally and some primary schools have been affected this week. We will continue to do all we can to protect each other and minimise the disruption to learning and social opportunities for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Parking

We have again received complaints from our neighbours in the roads surrounding Eastway. School is getting busier as numbers are increasing in school and the volume of cars on the road is greater; we must do all that we can to ensure it is safe for all and that we are respectful of our school neighbours. Please remember to park legally and courteously when you drop off and collect your child/ren. Thank you.

### Uniform

All children have returned to school so smart. At Eastway, we have very high standards and expectations for all and this is reflected in how we present ourselves and follow our Eastway rules. Thank you so much for your support with this, they all look amazing!

### Meet the Teacher

As we cannot have large numbers of visitors into school safely at this time, we are going to send the Meet the Teacher information home for you. If you have any questions on the presentation, year group expectations or what will be taught to your child this year, you can use the class email addresses. The class email address is (your child's class)@eastway.wirral.sch.uk, for example [year2@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:year2@eastway.wirral.sch.uk). If you are not sure, speak to the school office. We will be having a Secondary Transition Meeting for Year 6 and a Welcome to School Reading Meeting for Reception.

### Teaching & Learning

All information about what is taught to your child in their new class, homework and how you can best support at home is included in the Meet the Teacher information and on our school website, under class pages- <https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/6978>.

### Staffing

Mrs Whittingham and Miss Gouldson will be going on maternity leave shortly and Mrs Billington will return. We have some amazing new staff and cannot wait for our Open Evening for you to meet everyone. A huge warm welcome to Mrs Ireland, Year 3 Teaching Assistant, Miss Parry, Maternity Cover Teacher and Miss Walton, Learning Support Mentor and Cover Teacher.

## **Behaviour Regulation**

Over the last two years we have been working with the whole school community to review our Behaviour Policy, a copy is on our school website [https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/policies\\_and\\_procedures/50355](https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/policies_and_procedures/50355)

At Eastway we explicitly teach our children to manage their own emotions and see behaviour as a way of communicating. After consultation with staff, children and families we are going to keep the Good to Be Green system. All children will display Green behaviours in school and this is our expectation. For children who need reminding, they may be given some yellow thinking time to allow them to correct their behaviour. For persistent poor behaviour or extreme behaviours your child may be issued with a red card, these incidents are very rare and you will be informed if this happens and if it continues we may invite you in to school to discuss how we can support your child. For those children who go over and above and display consistent excellent behaviour, they will receive a Gold Headteacher commendation. They will be invited to attend special Headteacher event in school to celebrate this - our children love this and always strive to be Going for Gold.

All children have clear expectations at Eastway. They follow our Code of Conduct:

## **READY - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE**

### **Ready**

- Ready for School- in every day, on time, full uniform and with all you need
- Ready to Learn- participate in lessons, display excellent learning behaviours, active learner
- Ready to Succeed- prepared for transitions, life skills, high standards, expectations and aspirations

### **Respectful**

- Self-Respect- take pride in all you do, work hard, never give up, take care of your body and mind
- Respect for Others- respect for authority, respect differences and be kind and tolerant, respect for other's learning, space and time
- Respect for the Environment- our school and school property, our local community, global issues

### **Responsible**

- Responsible for own Behaviour- owning up to mistakes, accepting help when needed, making changes and improvements, managing own emotions
- Responsible for own Learning- develop a love of learning, set goals, achieve your targets, aim high, learning outside the classroom
- Responsible Citizen- understand the part you play in the community and world and how you can make a difference

## **School Council**

Next week we will be electing our new school councillors. If your child would like to make a difference at Eastway and represent their school and class, they can create a campaign poster to take into class to encourage others to vote for them. If you need any more information, please ask class teachers.

## **Family Class Representatives**

I cannot wait to welcome our Parent Class Reps back into school and we have a lot to catch up on and look forward to. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.**

## **Special Education Needs**

Mrs Harrison, our amazing new SENCO, has settled incredibly well already and met lots of families and children. We met this week to go through all needs across school and the support and interventions in place for this year. If you have any concerns or would like an appointment to see her, please contact the school office. We will send an SEN Newsletter before the end of this half term.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

With cases still rising across the area and children still settling into routines in school and new classes, we are going to wait to start all our activity clubs until November. We will let you know what is available and school council will send the list of clubs they would like to see in October.

### **Secondary School & Starting Reception 2022**

Information is coming home and has been added to our school website and social media accounts. If your child is currently in Year 6, they will need to choose their school choices by 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will have an information meeting for Year 6 families on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. Our current Nursery children and those who turn four this year will join full time school next September in our Reception Class. We will send further information out in the coming weeks but everything is available on our school website.

### **Swimming Pool**

Yes, it is true! The swimming pool will return in October! For those of you who joined us in the summer holidays, you will know how great this is and we cannot wait for all our classes to have some lessons and fun splash sessions before half term. Further information will come home nearer the time.

### **Social Supermarket**

A huge thank you to Neo Community, Wirral Council, DfE and Moreton Outreach, our Social Supermarket is full of goodies. Please pop into our Family Centre, if you need anything. We also have new and pre-used perfect school uniform available too. Please only take what you need, to make sure there is enough for all. If you can make even a small donation that would be lovely, although it is not essential. All donations go towards helping our children and families.



### **Reading Meeting**

Mrs Williamson will write to our Reception families to welcome them to a Reading Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September. If there are other families that would like to attend as they missed the one in Year 1 or 2, or need support helping their child at home, you are also welcome to attend.

### **Family Support**

Mrs Dennett is looking at a programme of support, classes and social events for all our families throughout the year. She will write to you all next week. We still have our Wednesday morning Chatter Club, via the Family Centre, and are looking at starting up our baby/toddler group, Sparkles again. We are also looking at Friends of Eastway fundraising events, volunteer parent helpers, courses, Family Works, Book Club and PEEP sessions as well as SEN support sessions like the ADHD Foundation parenting courses. We cannot wait to share all of this with you and welcoming our families back into school.

Thanks again for all your ongoing support of Eastway and let's hope that we have an amazing year and manage to remain fully open for the full year!

*Mrs Morris*