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Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Under the current situation I feel that it is best to send a weekly letter to you with any updates and clear information. There has never been a more important time to make sure our communication is the best that it possibly can be. If you know of anyone who may struggle to access the letters electronically, may not follow us on social media or may not be receiving our app or text message updates, please do your best to support each other. I have attached some frequently asked questions and a grid for absence to support all your questions this week. I hope it helps. Please note that no parents/carers should be entering the school premises. This includes the waiting area in our Family Centre. Our staff and children must be protected. Visitors may only enter school with our consent and with prior arrangement and must not gather outside of school.

Staffing Update

As Mrs Billington is now in her third trimester of her pregnancy, it is not appropriate for her to be working in school in the current climate. She will continue to work from home and as much as I know we will all miss her, we must take action to protect her and Baby Billington as best we can.

Walk to School Challenge

There has never been a more important time to ensure that we are all fit and well. Walking to school or increasing our daily activity is vitally important. We are encouraging all children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. If you live far away, you can Ride and Stride, park far from school and walk the last bit. Teachers will be recording daily and tracking the progress for the children to be rewarded. Good luck!

Road Safety

We had a near miss incident this morning that could have been fatal. [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.

Before and After School Club

Our Early Risers Toast Club and Swashbucklers After School (S.A.S) are both now up and running smoothly. All places must strictly be booked and paid for in advance for us to manage our numbers attending. It is essential that you collect your child promptly from S.A.S by 5pm at the very latest. Toast Club will now operate from the extended school's hall, where SAS is. Access is still through the same gate, but children will enter via the smaller kitchen door by the Key Stage 1 Pirate Ship.

Feastway - School Canteen Reopening

In the next few weeks we will slowly and safely be reopening Feastway, our school canteen. Grab Bag lunches will continue next week but Years 3 to 6 will eat in the canteen. The following week we will reintroduce hot meals for these year groups, then from Monday 28th September Year 1 and 2 will go back in the canteen and be able to choose a hot meal and Reception Class and SCD1/2 from 5th October. We will monitor the situation very carefully so that we are keeping our bubbles separate and maintaining social distancing, if it becomes an issue we will revert back to lunches in class. School meals/Grab Bag lunches can be paid via ParentPay.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can my child come to school if they have a cold?

A. Yes if your child does not have a symptom of COVID19 they can attend school. Snuffles, runny noses etc. are all fine. Always seek advice from your GP or 111 if you are unsure. The grid that we have produced on school absence will help make this clearer.

Q. What happens if someone in school tests positive for COVID?

A. Wirral LA and Public Health England will direct the school on the action to take. Mrs Morris and Mr Symonds, Chair of Governors will inform parents/carers and you will receive a letter explaining what will happen next. Children will need to continue remote learning daily if their bubble has to self-isolate and must not attend school for the set period of time.

Q. What if cases rise and Wirral have a local lockdown?

A. Primary Schools will remain open in any event of further local restrictions or lockdowns. If cases rise and we reach Tier 4, some children may have to complete remote learning from home.

Q. Why can't children bring in water bottles and packed lunch boxes?

A. We are assessing the risk involved in bringing things in and out of school and have taken the decision that if there are things that are not necessary, we will not be taking the risk. Lunches can be provided by school or disposable packed lunches sent from home and school provide daily drinks and snacks throughout the day.

Q. Why are some schools doing things differently?

A. Every school is different and all headteachers are using the guidance that we have been given to make the right choices for our own schools. Eastway is exceptionally lucky to have additional staff and with the space we have - outdoor areas, extra classrooms, halls, kitchens, toilets, wide corridors, different entrance and exit points etc. so we are able to do things that other schools may not be able to and vice versa.

Q. When will the canteen reopen?

A. Hot meals will start Monday 21st September- Key Stage 2, Monday 28th September- Key Stage 1 and Monday 5th October- Reception Class and SCD1/2. We will continually review this and only continue if we can maintain adequate distance and keep bubbles separate at lunchtime.

Q. Why do we have to go to different gates?

A. Our class bubbles are working well and we are carefully managing how they move around school so that they do not have contact with another bubble. This is to ensure safe social distancing and avoid any unnecessary disruption if we had a confirmed case in one bubble. We have thought very carefully about the gates and how they are managed and we thank you for supporting us by sticking to the gates you have been given so we can keep everyone safe.

Q. When will children get homework?

A. Our class teachers are busy preparing packs to be sent home next week and will explain everything in their Meet the Teacher presentation. Tasks are available online and children should be using TimesTable Rockstars and Bug Club daily to practise their key skills.



Managing Pupil Absence COVID19

A guide for Parents/Carers September 2020

COVID19 Symptoms are:

- High Temperature above 37.8°C
- A new, persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
My child has a COVID19 symptom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come in to school - Contact us immediately - Self- Isolate the whole household - Book a Test - Inform us immediately of the test result 	The test returns negative or a period of 10 days has passed since child first had symptoms and they are well
My child tests positive for COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come in to school - Inform us immediately and be careful who you share the information with - Self- Isolate the whole household - Test and Trace and Public Health England will inform school of the actions to take next 	A period of 10 days has passed since child first had symptoms and they are well, they may continue to have a cough or loss of taste/ smell for several weeks
My child has a test and it is negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school and inform us - Discuss with us when your child can return to school- same or next day 	The test returns negative
My child is unwell but does not have any of the three COVID19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school and inform us - Seek advice from GP/ 111 if you are concerned - Keep us updated 	They are well enough to do so. Your child should only be absent from school if they are very unwell or have had sickness and diarrhoea in the last 48 hours. We can administer medicines in school
Someone in our household is unwell with a COVID19 symptom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school and inform us - Self- isolate the whole household - Household member to get a test - Inform school immediately of the result 	The test returns negative
Someone in our household tests positive for COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school and inform us - Agree a date to return to school (minimum 14 days) - Self-isolate whole household 	The child has complete 14 days self- isolation
Test and Trace informs us that our child has had close contact with someone who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school and inform us 	The child has completed 14 days self- isolation

has tested positive for COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree a date to return to school (minimum 14 days) 	
Test and Trace informs us that a member of our household (not our child) has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household member must isolate for 14 days - Child can come to school - Child to be monitored in case they develop symptoms 	Child to continue attending school
Sibling at another school or parent/ carer has been sent home to self- isolate due to a confirmed COVID19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household member must isolate for 14 days - Eastway Child can come to school - Child to be monitored in case they develop symptoms 	Child to continue attending school
Child has travelled abroad to a country that is NOT on the UK exemption list	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 14 days self-isolation for everyone who has travelled - Contact school and inform us when you return so we can agree a date to return to school <p>*check you have the most up to date information https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel</p>	The quarantine period has been completed
Someone in our household has travelled abroad to a country that is not on the UK exemption list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of household has to self-isolate for 14 days and cannot leave the house - Child to continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms 	Child to continue to attend school
We have received medical advice that my child or a member of our household must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact us to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are limited and shielding is paused again 	When restrictions have been lifted or you have medical advice allowing
Someone in my child's class/ bubble (child or teacher) tests positive for COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - You must complete the Home Learning set by school daily - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days - Other siblings must continue to attend school 	When school has informed you that the bubble may return
I cannot get a test for my child or household member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep your child off school - Contact us and inform us - If you are unable to get a test within the first 5 days of symptoms, your child and anyone they live with, including support bubble, must self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days for self- isolation