



Ernesettle Community School

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Tuesday 1st September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a fabulous summer break. Welcome to the start of the 2020/2021 academic year!

I am writing to you today with a few reminders and some information before term begins tomorrow:

- Please note that on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September the children will be having their school and class photographs taken by Jelly Images. The specific details regarding which day each class will be photographed and sibling/family photographs will follow in due course.
- To minimise social contact and to ensure a steady flow of people on the school site, we will not be able to invite Parents/Carers into the building for Early Morning Learning but children are still invited to arrive between 8:30 and 8:55am.
- Please remember that you need to follow social distancing guidelines when on the school site. To minimise contact between Parents/Carers and ensure social distancing measures between adults, we ask that only one Parent/Carer drops off or collects a child, making sure social distancing is maintained at all times. Members of the team will be on hand to support your arrival and departure. They will also be available if you need to complete a medication form or hand in medication for your child.
- Please see below for details of classroom locations, drop-off and collection points.

Children from:	Location:	Drop-off point:	Drop-off time:	Collection point:	Collection time:
Nursery	Class NHD	Nursery External Cloakroom Door	These remain unchanged	Nursery External Cloakroom Door	These remain unchanged
Pre-School	Class PLA	Class PLA External Cloakroom Door	These remain unchanged	Class PLA External Cloakroom Door	These remain unchanged
Pre-School	Class PVH	Class PVH External Classroom Door	These remain unchanged.	Class PVH External Classroom Door	These remain unchanged.
Reception	Class REU	Class REU External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class REU External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Reception	Class RGP	Class RGP External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class RGP External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Reception	Class RTD	Class RTD External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class RTD External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 1	Class 1PH	Class 1PH External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class 1PH External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 1	Class 1HB	Class 1HB External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class 1HB External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 2	Class 2SM	Year 2 External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Astro Turf Pen Area (opposite the main hall doors)	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 2	Class 2KT	Year 2 External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	At the bottom of the playground steps by Year 2	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm

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Year 3	Class 3TK	Class 3TK External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Class 3TK External Classroom Door	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 3	Class 3TJ	Class 3TJ External Classroom Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Left side of the playground (near the bike track)	Between 2.45pm – 3.00pm
Year 4	Class 4SJ	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Multi-Use Game Area (MUGA)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm
Year 4	Class 4CC	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Multi-Use Game Area (MUGA)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm
Year 5	Class 5SI	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Left side of the playground (near the bike track)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm
Year 5	Class 5AS	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Left side of the playground (near the bike track)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm
Year 6	Class 6PK	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Right side of the playground (near the climbing wall)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm
Year 6	Class 6RW	External End Corridor Door	Between 8:30 and 8:55am	Right side of the playground (near the climbing wall)	Between 3.00pm-3.15pm

The Government is expecting all children to return to school this Autumn Term but we still need to be realistic about the risk of coronavirus. With this in mind, we ask that you follow the below procedures if you think you, your child or someone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus. If you, your child or someone in your household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), please get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms according to this website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>. If you live in the same household as someone with coronavirus symptoms, you must self-isolate straight away for 14 days.

If you have one or more of these symptoms, you must self-isolate straight away for 10 days – or longer if you still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

Please also follow the below steps:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

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What to do when you receive the results of the test:

- If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- If someone tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Finally, please find below a message from the Chair of the Trust, Mrs. Carol Wood...

Welcome back from the Local Governors and Trustees – we hope you are looking forward to school this week. Mr Meredith, Mrs Pearce, the SLT and the whole Staff Team have been working hard to get everything ready for the new academic year. After such a different end to the 2019-2020 school year, the emphasis for Term 1 will be on establishing good relationships, positive behaviour and personal responsibility within each class (as appropriate to the age of the pupils). This year will definitely be ‘a marathon, not a sprint’, so curricular and wider educational opportunities will develop as the terms go on. Everyone will need time to adjust to the expectations that will enable the school to stay open while providing a safe and positive learning environment but the more quickly this happens, the better the outcomes will be for everyone.

Be kind, be careful and love your learning!

Best wishes

Carol, Chair, on behalf of the Local Governors and Trustees

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Meredith
CEO & Executive Headteacher

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