



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Arrangements during building work

Summer 2024

We are excited to announce that building work will be starting on Monday 25th March 2024 to convert the former pool into a new dining hall, to replace the dilapidated cladding on the school hall and make improvements to the hall toilets and changing rooms.

The works will last for the rest of this school year and will be completed for pupils to use from September 2024.

Parking

From Monday a large portion of our car park will be used for the site offices. Residents have all been written to ask them not to park in either the school tarmac car park or the grass-crete area by the garages off Edward Close as both these areas are for school staff parking only. However, this will lead to more cars and vans parked on the roads around school.

Can all parents please help ease congestion by walking to school wherever possible. We are lucky to have many different ways you can access the school grounds so please try and avoid driving into and dropping off in and around Edward Close whenever possible.

If your child currently walks to and from school on their own, please speak to them about doing so safely, especially about how to safely cross the road between parked cars.

Scaffolding

During the Easter holidays, scaffolding will be put up around the outside of the school hall. This will be taken down during the May half term holiday.

This scaffolding will block the KS1 gate and not allow any entry or exit through that gate for the whole of the summer term.

To ease any congestion, we will be asking Yellow Class to be dropped off at the gate currently used just by Year 5/6 near the pond along with Azul, Morado and Rojo class. Class teachers will open this gate at 8:50am for you to drop your child off.

For Blue, Orange, Amarillo, Rosa and Verde, the gate by the grass at the top of the bank will be opened just before 8:50am so you can come onto the top section of the playground to drop your child off.

There will be a barrier across the playground about half way down so we can maintain a clear and safe area behind the barrier for children with no adults and so you can hand your child over to the class teachers.

With all the scaffolding, space will still be restricted in this area so please can you ensure that as soon as you have dropped your child off you please leave the playground.

Red, Green and Rainbow (Nursery) class will still come in through the nursery gate to drop their children off at the class doors.

All gates will be locked at 9:02am and any children arriving after that will need to be taken to the office please and signed in.

This gives you a 10-minute window to drop your child off. Please note this is designed to spread out the numbers of children arriving at any time and create a calmer, less rushed start to the day. There is no advantage to your child by being the first in the gate so please come at a time that suits your child and your family within that 10-minute window. Gates are much less busy at 8:55 onwards and your child is not late if they arrive before 9am.

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Class	Gate
Yellow, Azul, Morado, and Rojo	By the Pond, nearest to Key Stage One
Blue, Orange, Amarillo, Rosa and Verde	By the grass area, near to the MUGA

For anyone with another child in Blue, Orange, Amarillo, Rosa and Verde classes, if you have a child in Red or Green Class or Year 5/6, then please drop all your children off at those gates so they can walk through the playground to their class lines and reduce the congestion further.

These changes will mean our playground is more congested than currently and access in and out of the single gate will be problematic but this will help maintain an environment which keeps our school site safe and helps many of our children with sensory needs have a more successful start to the day.

Rainbow

Please note that Rainbow (Nursery) times are still as below so that they don't clash with the timings of the other classes for those of you with children in nursery and older classes. It also means they get a quieter lunchtime when the hall is less busy.

Class	Gate	Start AM	End AM	Start PM	End PM
Rainbow (Nursery)	Nursery Gate	8:45am	11:45pm	12:25pm	3:25pm

Holiday clubs and before and after school provision

Unfortunately, the building work means we are unable to host the holiday clubs at Edgewood in Easter and May half term.

However, The Lime Trees will continue to deliver their high-quality before and after school throughout the duration of the summer term and should be able to open as normal during the summer holidays (we will confirm this nearer the time).

The new dining hall has also been designed to be a space The Lime Trees can use for their sessions which should allow them to expand their provision and offer even more places for our families that need them.

Take care,



Ed Seeley,
Headteacher