



# Edgewood Primary School

**Building skills and values for life**

## School arrangements for September

I am delighted that, in line with the Department for Education's latest guidance, we will be able to welcome all pupils back to school in September.

In line with the guidance for all primary schools, each class will be operating as its own, separate bubble within school. This means we have to take significant steps to prevent bubbles mixing and ensure that children within classrooms, who will not have space to socially distance from each other, are kept safe. Please ensure you read this letter carefully to help keep everyone safe in September and through the autumn term.

### **Handwashing and hygiene**

The first and most important of these is regular and thorough handwashing and good hygiene practices.

Children **must** wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water when they enter their classroom and **every time** they leave or return to their classroom.

Please continue to practise this with your child over the summer so it continues to be second nature to them and this will also help contribute to keeping you and your family safe.

### **Staggered start, breaks, lunch and end of the day.**

One of the biggest disruptions within this guidance will be the disruption to the timings of the school day. We understand that this is going to have a massively negative impact on families, especially those with children in more than one year group, but I am afraid it is what we must do to keep everyone safe and reduce the chance of a single outbreak closing large parts of our school.

To prevent bubbles within school mixing we will have different start times using different gates.

This is a key part of reducing the chance of a Coronavirus outbreak linked to school. Emerging research suggests that the biggest risk to school operations will centre around adult-to-adult transmission as children may be a slightly lower risk. This will make it vitally important that all adults strictly social distance at all times. We have organised the start and ends of each day to minimise this and ask that you all wait at least 2m apart from other families.

In EYFS, **a single adult** can enter through the Nursery Gate with their child at the time below. Please do not arrive early to reduce the chance of breaching social distancing. As quickly as possible please drop your child at the class door and then leave by the nursery gate. Please ensure you strictly keep a 2m distance from all other adults at all times.

Class	Gate	Start AM	End AM	Lunch	Start PM	End PM
Rainbow (Nursery)	Nursery Gate	9:00- 9:05am	11:55- 12:05pm	12:00- 12:30pm	12:30- 12:35pm	3:25- 3:30pm

Class	Gate	Starting time	Lunchtime	Ending time
Red	Nursery Gate	8:30-8:35am	12:00-12:40pm	2:40-2:45pm
Green	Nursery Gate	8:45-8:50am	12:00-12:40pm	2:55-3:00pm

For all other classes, please can **one adult** bring their child to the following gates at the following times.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Gate</b>	<b>Starting time</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Ending time</b>
Blue	By the hall, nearest Leisure Centre Entrance	8:40-8:50am	11:30-12:10pm	2:50-3:00pm
Orange	By the Pond, nearest to Key Stage One	8:40-8:50am	11:30-12:10pm	2:50-3:00pm
Yellow	By the grass area, near to the MUGA	8:40-8:50am	11:30-12:10pm	2:50-3:00pm
Rosa	By the hall, nearest Leisure Centre Entrance	9:00-9:10pm	12:10-12:50pm	3:10-3:20pm
Amarillo	By the Pond, nearest to Key Stage One	9:00-9:10pm	12:10-12:50pm	3:10-3:20pm
Verde	By the grass area, near to the MUGA	9:00-9:10pm	12:10-12:50pm	3:10-3:20pm
Azul	By the hall, nearest Leisure Centre Entrance	9:20-9:30pm	12:50-1:30pm	3:30-3:40pm
Morado	By the Pond, nearest to Key Stage One	9:20-9:30pm	12:50-1:30pm	3:30-3:40pm
Rojo	By the grass area, near to the MUGA	9:20-9:30pm	12:50-1:30pm	3:30-3:40pm

Adults should remain at least 2m apart at all times. Please bear in mind that school may be asked to wholly or partially close by Public Health England if there is a local outbreak amongst adults (as well as children) to reduce adult-to-adult transmission in the community. It is in all our interests to keep transmission rates as low as we possibly can.

You will see from the table above that we have reduced lunchtime to 40 minutes. This is to allow us to have three sittings in the hall and also to keep the earliest start times and latest collection times as close to the normal school day as possible.

Please note as well that we will be unable to provide the usual toast and other items during morning break until further notice. If you would like to send your child with a healthy snack for the morning break please do but please no chocolate bars, sweets or crisps.

Once again let me stress that we understand the staggered start and end times are going to cause massive inconveniences to many of you but, with our site and the latest government guidance this is the best we can currently do. Please do not call us and ask if we can make an exception for you as that would be unfair on every other family. We will be constantly keeping this under review to see if we can make it more convenient for families but everyone's safety must be our first and upmost priority.

### **Different areas within school**

Areas in school and on the playground will be used to ensure that children do not mix beyond their class bubble. This will include lunchtimes where children from each bubble will be eating on different tables separate from other bubbles.

### **No parents within school or on the playground**

Other than the parents of Nursery and Reception children as detailed above, no parent will be admitted on to the school site at any time.

In all other classes children **must** be dropped off at gates and parents **must** remain outside the gates.

If your child is upset school staff will verbally comfort them but we cannot physically intervene as we would have done in the past. If you think this might be an issue with your child please spend some time over the summer holidays talking to them about it.

Parents not being on the school site includes the school reception entrance. Wherever possible please contact school via email or by phone, not in person. If you have to drop something off we will provide drop boxes outside for this.

We expect all adults to maintain 2m social distancing at all times when dropping children off, collecting them or speaking to school staff.

Any children in late will need to go to the school main entrance where they can be dropped off. Please keep this to an absolute minimum as it will massively increase the chance of children from different bubbles mixing and increase the risk to everyone in our building and all our families.

### **Other changes in September**

We will be back to full uniform in September. Please ensure you have checked your child's previous uniform still fits in plenty of time to buy new uniform as I imagine demand will be unusually high! Please remember our uniform is a white, collared t-shirt, red jumper (If you would like one with a school logo they are available from Hucknall Sports and Leisure, but plain red jumpers are fine), black or grey trousers or skirts (Checked dresses are also acceptable), grey or black socks and black shoes. (Please note trainers are **not** part of our school uniform, even black ones.)

With the current guidance for September we will still be unable to have whole school assemblies. We are looking at how we can usefully hold virtual assemblies in the interim.

There will be no before or after school clubs as we must try and ensure children from different class bubbles do not mix. This will include homework club

PE will have to be scaled back due to the staggering of break and lunch times.

Changes to the curriculum to help children catch up on lost learning will mean much more time devoted to handwriting, spellings, grammar, number bonds, times tables and reading.

### **How can I help my child prepare for September?**

School in September is still going to feel very different to the period before the pandemic. Please take some time to understand the changes outlined in this letter and explain them to your child. We have added materials to the school website <http://www.edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/page/helping-your-child-over-summer> to support you with this.

The work from our recovery curriculum is something we will continue to work on when children return in September so it would be really helpful to start this work over the summer to support them.

The most important thing academically is to read to or with your child as often as possible over the summer holidays. If they have started to read themselves then please also ensure you listen to them read regularly. Build sharing a book in some way each day into your routines and it will have a massive difference to their academic achievement if you don't already do it.

We are also setting up some work for the whole school on Spelling Shed and Maths Shed for the summer. Unfortunately with how these websites work we cannot easily set up bespoke work for your child, but we are uploading work based on where they should be for this age in their spellings and times tables. Please try and access these at least twice a week to help build their skills. Remember it is the government's

expectation that all children know their times tables (up to 12 x 12) by the end of Year 4 with instant recall! This needs practising at home as well as in school!

### **Cleaning and toilets**

We have rearranged our staffing hours so that we will have cleaning happening to touch points and high-use areas throughout the day. This alongside reducing the amount of movement of children and frequent and thorough handwashing will be key in keeping everyone safe at school.

With all children back, they will be using their usual toilets. We will be cleaning these throughout the day but we will be asking children wherever possible to make sure they go to the toilet at times such as break and lunch so we can schedule cleaning around this. Please help us by getting your child into habits such as using the toilet before they need to when leaving the house over the summer to help us with this.

It will be vitally important that all children are fully toilet trained so that staff do not have to put themselves at additional risk unnecessarily. If your child isn't currently toilet trained please use the summer holidays to ensure they are ready for school in September with this important life skill.

### **Before and after school provision**

YMCA will be operating before and after school in September. More details will follow in a letter directly from YMCA to those parents on their mailing list. We will also upload the letter to the home page of our website when it is completed. The online booking for September should open in August (details in the letter). Provision will be closely matched to the places booked so, once the booking window opens, please ensure you book online via [www.nottsymca.com/childcare](http://www.nottsymca.com/childcare) to make sure your child will have a place.

For virus control reasons we would ask that you use any childcare providers as little as possible and also ensure that they have robust control measures in place so that we do not end up having to close bubbles through contamination from other sources.

### **What if anyone in my family has symptoms?**

Anyone who has symptoms must follow the government's guidance immediately. Children must not be sent to school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible.

School will no longer need to shut bubbles on suspected cases but you and your family should still isolate in line with government guidance until you have a negative test result or are told otherwise by a health professional.

### **What will happen if there is a positive case at school?**

If there is a positive case, school will inform Public Health England, in line with the new guidance.

Please note a positive case does not automatically mean the bubble or whole school will close – we will follow the guidance from the health experts. If they direct us to, we will close as required. Please note your child cannot attend other provision while we have closed a bubble as they may be infected.

As part of your child returning to school, we expect that you follow public health advice at all times to keep everyone in our community safe. It is also expected that everyone associated with school **actively engages with Test and Trace** if required to help keep everyone at school safe. ***This is a condition of you sending your child to our school in September.***

If you are instructed to isolate, your child must not attend school until you are told it is safe to do so.

## **Usual end of year items!**

### **Ben Marshall Winners**

To move on to more normal end of year items, I would like to congratulate Darcey George and George Missing on winning the Ben Marshall Award. These two pupils, throughout their time at Edgewood, have always worked hard, tried their best, set a great example to others and shown a really positive attitude towards everything they do.

I am sure they will go on to great things in their future education and beyond.

Well done to both of you.

### **Pupil roles for 2020/21**

Our Year 2 House Captains for next year are,

Amber Waplington - Nightingale

Emily Smedley - Shakespeare

Austin Stirland - Hawking

Our Year 6 House Captains for next year are,

Lacey O'Hara- Hawking

Joshua Morgan - Hawking

Chloe Rusling- Shakespeare

Evie Needham - Shakespeare

Connor Bower - Nightingale

Jada Housechild– Nightingale

Our Year 6 Sports Captains for next year are,

Olivia-May Whitehead– Hawking

Seth Drury – Hawking

Spencer Smith – Shakespeare

Zeko Smith – Shakespeare

Connor Waplington – Nightingale

Louie Dean - Nightingale

And new for this year, Y6 Digital Leaders:

Lauren Jones

Leo Sissons

Emily Hutton

The digital leaders will help promote E-Safety around school as well as assist with testing new software and items to improve our delivery of the computing curriculum.

## **Year 6 and other leavers**

Good luck to all our Year 6 children leaving us this year. We are sorry you have missed so much of your last year with us. As I promised in an earlier letter to you, we will have a leavers' assembly and party once restrictions have lifted to allow us to do so. We will contact you all with details once we are able to arrange this.

I also know a few other pupils are leaving us this year. I would like to wish you all the very best in the next chapters of your lives.

At the end of this year we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Harris. She has done a fantastic job covering Mrs Major's maternity leave and we wish her all the best in her new post in Derby.

As well as leaving I am delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our team. Miss Maitland will be the new teacher in Amarillo Class next year. She covered Verde Class while I was off ill this year to release Mr Curtis. I know she will be a great addition to our team.

Mrs Major will be moving back into Azul Class next year, alongside Mrs Norgate.

Please remember the Key Worker and Vulnerable children's last day at school this term is **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – school is closed to pupils on Friday.

Children will return to school on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**.

Have a great summer and we will issue another letter very early in September confirming any last minute changes or additional details to our arrangements but I wanted you all to know all this information as soon as possible so you can prepare, and help your child prepare, for September.

Take care,

Ed Seeley,

Headteacher