



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Expanding provision at Edgewood Primary School

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey last week. The results have been incredibly useful in planning how we will expand our provision at Edgewood Primary School.

I know there were some issues and also some confusion caused by the design of the survey but thank you for persevering. Please note that the survey was designed to only give you the questions that were relevant. If you responded you were a key worker, the survey didn't open any other questions as key worker provision must remain in a separate bubble to year group provision. Also the survey only asked you if you wanted the year group provision if your child is in those year groups.

What do we mean by a bubble?

In school, we are using the term bubble for a group of pupils who will be in the same space for the duration of this term. At all times we will be using these bubbles to reduce the risk to your children, the staff and your and their wider families. Each bubble will consist of families of children with a maximum of 8 in each per day. Most days each bubble will be less than 8. Bubbles will learn in the same space, play together in the same space at break times and eat lunch together in their classrooms.

As far as possible each bubble will have the same member of staff leading it and there will be only 1 member of staff in each (unless there are significant additional needs to cater for). The only time children will be taught or mix outside these bubbles will be if they need extra pastoral support from our pastoral team. During lunchtimes midday supervisors will supervise each bubble in the classroom while they eat lunch and middays will use some limited PPA, changed between groups, to prevent spreading the virus between bubbles.

As always children and staff may wear face coverings if they wish while in common areas but we would not encourage their use within the classroom bubbles or if children are unable to take the face coverings on and off easily and correctly.

Survey results

A staggering 86 responses said that one of the adults in their household is a key worker and they would need that key worker provision in June and July as they return to work.

With 8 to a bubble (the largest number our risk assessments currently say we can accommodate in a classroom with social distancing) this means 11 classrooms will be needed to provide bubbles for all potential key workers.

This does not include the numbers of children accessing the vulnerable provision at Edgewood.

This increase in demand for this provision means that, as of the 8th June, we currently do not have space to expand the provision at Edgewood beyond key worker and vulnerable pupils.

According to the survey, only 26 responses in the year groups Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 altogether would send their children in. This provision, as they can't mix with key worker and vulnerable bubbles, would take up 4 or more classrooms in the school and is not a popular option amongst those year groups.

If we have space, once we have organised key worker and vulnerable pupils into their new bubbles then we may be able to offer some limited spaces for families where both parents need to go back to work and need provision at Edgewood. Only 15 responses said they would need that in our survey so we should have the space to offer this alongside Key worker and vulnerable provision as they can be included within those bubbles. However this will only be confirmed once we have ensured provision for key worker and vulnerable pupils as we have been instructed to prioritise these groups.

Next steps

I now need more information from everyone who believes they may need provision in June and July to confirm numbers and start to put together the bubbles that children will be cared for in during this stage.

If you are not sure whether you need this provision please act as if you might as it is easier for us to plan for too many children and then have space than the other way around.

I know some of you will have provided this, or similar, information before but it would be incredibly helpful if you could spend 5 minutes filling this online form in so that we have all the information in one place for planning purposes.

Please list all your children and all adults who have a role caring for your children in your house on this form. If you are stating you are a key worker then you may be asked to provide a letter from your employer saying you are required at work during this pandemic – an I.D badge alone is **not** proof of key worker status. We also reserve the right to ask your employer for a rota or timetable to prove the times you are actually in work.

Can the forms be completed by 9am on Friday, 29th May please?

Please add the **times between 8am and 4pm** that all adults who care for the children in your household will **all** be needed to **physically be in work and commute to work** in the table below **only**.

We reserve the right to ask for proof of this such as rotas from your key worker place of work.

If you don't know your working pattern for all these weeks then please estimate the dates and times you think you will require – you will be able to switch nearer the time and add additional times if you are required in work.

Sessions you ask for when you are not in your key worker role will not be counted as key worker provision and will only be accepted if we have space.

Please find the questions at the link below. Please only submit one response per family.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IYZ8lseyEKKeseWkLVLZ3jLWcxDEP1NriRq3roUdoJUNkRTWFpUV09HWExOR0Y0UVZaUTdUV1IzSC4u>

Please remember, for us to make this work and expand provision safely it is vital that children are only in school when they absolutely need to be and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

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