



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

### Coronavirus Update 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Hi all,

Thank you for your support with the measures school has implemented to keep everyone safe in school since last March. I know many of these are very inconvenient but they are helping to ensure everyone in school, and by extension, your families, are as safe as possible.

As you will be aware the national and local picture recently is very concerning. Since we reopened in September, the rates of transmission across the country have increased massively. As a school we are constantly looking at what we are doing to keep your children safe and what we can do to make things even safer.

One change you may notice is that I have asked school staff to now wear masks whenever they are outside their classroom to help prevent the chance of staff transmitting the virus to others. Teachers will not be wearing face masks when teaching in class.

We ARE NOT asking children to wear masks at any point of their time in school but **if** your child is able to properly put on and take off their own face mask and you would like them to wear them when they leave their classroom you can send them in with them. Please note they will be encouraged to remove them while in their class bubble in line with government guidance.

From Monday, to help reduce the possibility of transmission between adults around school, can I please ask that **every adult** bringing pupils to school or picking them up is **wearing their face covering at all times around school** and that **everyone is strictly social distancing** and **not mixing at all with anyone from other households**.

Can I please ask parents of any child who walks to school on their own **NOT** to send these children to school early. There are too many children hanging around before the gates for their class open. Can you please ensure children leave home at a time so they do not arrive until the gate for their bubble is open. This will be a massive help in preventing them transmit the virus across different bubbles.

Finally, can I please remind all parents not to remain close by the gates before and after dropping off your child. The hatched areas by each gate mark a minimum 2m distance and can parents please ensure **they stay out of the hatched areas at all time**. This will be a great help in ensuring adults do not spread the virus to school staff or other adults when dropping off and picking up.

Can I please also remind you that parents are not allowed to enter the school building and if you do have a query please email or call school rather than coming in person to reduce the chance transmission between adults.

Within school we have been working hard to make sure that our cleaning regime is as good as possible to keep everyone safe. Alongside upping the frequency of cleaning and cleaning touch point and toilets throughout the day, school has purchased disinfection fogging machines to be able to sanitise classroom spaces that would escape normal cleaning. These are used alongside the daily cleaning for each classroom space.

Alongside this letter we are sharing a letter from Colin Pettigrew, the Director of Children's Services for Nottinghamshire to you all to thank you for your support to schools and also reinforcing some messages that are important to keep everyone safe.

As always, please rest assured that the safety of our pupils, the staff and the families associated with Edgewood are my highest priority.

Yours faithfully,

Ed Seeley,  
Headteacher