



# Edgewood Primary School

**Building skills and values for life**

Friday, 16 October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I'd like to start by thanking all of you for your help in keeping everyone at our school safe from Coronavirus this half term. We have been incredibly fortunate not to have any confirmed cases in staff or pupils this half term and I'd like to thank you for your vigilance and co-operation.

As you will know from the news, we are now a High Risk area of the country as cases are rising rapidly. As a school we are looking closely at what additional measures we can take to further increase your children's safety. One thing we have done already is to buy a number of fogging machines that disinfect each classroom weekly to ensure virus cannot linger on normally unreachable surfaces.

As case numbers rise it is even more important that you and your children help us do our bit to reduce the spread of Coronavirus within the local community so please remember to:

- Wash your children's hands before they come to school.
- Wash them as soon as they come home from school.
- Wear a face mask all around school when dropping off or picking up your children.
- Maintain 2m (or more) social distancing at all times.
- Do not congregate with members of another household around school.
- Immediately isolate and notify school if your child or any member of your household has Coronavirus symptoms.
- Get a test for anyone showing Coronavirus symptoms as soon as possible.

Can I also please ask you not to arrive early for drop-offs to reduce the chance of congestion and people congregating outside the gates. There is a 5-10 minute window for every class to reduce the congestion. I understand some of you need to wait for the next drop-off time but if you don't need to be there please don't come early.

Can I finally ask that any children allowed to walk to school on their own are not sent to school early. They are playing outside the gates, unsupervised, which means they are not always acting safely and maintaining 2m distance from members of other bubbles.

We are also stepping up our preparations in case the government decide to have a short, circuit-break closure of schools immediately after half term. If this does occur, or bubbles or individuals need to isolate, we will be providing work through the SeeSaw App. Please note that unlike last year, the government and school expect that work is set and completed daily by children not attending school – it is not optional. It is also vital as teaching in school will continue and any child not completing work at home will drop behind their peers.

If you have any issues with accessing SeeSaw please contact school when we return from half term.



**Congratulations to Rojo Class for a weekly attendance of 98.89%**

Enjoy your half term and we will see you all back in school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

Ed Seeley, Headteacher