

25th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to apologise in advance for the delay in getting this information out to you but we wanted to ensure that we had the most recent and up to date information possible before we communicated any plans with you.

We are looking forward to having the children return to school in September. We are trying to make the return to school as easy as possible for children and families, whilst also observing all statutory guidance that is in place. We have spent a very long time in consultation with the Local Authority and the Public Health team to balance safety and what we knew to be 'normal' school procedure and processes, pre-coronavirus. Therefore, with these guidelines in mind, we are requesting that all parents and carers wear masks whilst dropping and collecting their children and maintain social distancing.

We have split the school into two groups. Group A – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (This is the EYS and KS1 Group) and Group B Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2 Group).

The two groups have a staggered start across two days and starting at different times.

Group A – Monday 7th September - Starting 8:40am - Finishing 14:50

Year 1 and 2 (also reception, but they have their own timetable that has already been sent out to them)

Group B – Tuesday 8th September – Starting 8:50am – Finishing 15:00

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

For the morning drop off, we request that children are dropped off at the large main gate and they can make their way to their classrooms. For those parents that wish to drop their children off as close to the class room as possible, they will need to follow the path and leave by the side gate nearest the secondary car park. There will be staff and guide posts to show you how to exit the school.

Please note that we are constantly reviewing our guidelines and we may need to make last minute changes in order to ensure the safety of everyone. Therefore, please make sure that your contact details, mobile and email are up to date with the school office so that we can keep you updated with all the changes.



Lunches

Children will eat their lunches in the hall. Each class room will have its own set of tables and each child will have their own dedicated seat with their name tag on it. The hall will have the wall dividers up between the two bubbles to ensure that there is a barrier between the two groups. School lunches will still be provided as normal and children are also welcomed to bring in a healthy packed lunch. Under no circumstances are nut products allowed in school.

Playtime

Each year group will have part of the school play area allocated to them. Year 1 and 2 will have access to the play area outside of their classroom. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have access to the large tarmac playgrounds which will be marked out in to sections. Play equipment will not be shared between bubbles. Reception will stay in their own playground.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be open as usual from 8am on Monday 7th September. Any monies that were left in your account from last year will be moved across to this academic year.

After school Clubs and School Trips

For the foreseeable future there will be no school clubs or school trips arranged. Should this change we will inform you with sufficient notice.

If you have any questions regarding the start of school please feel free to email the school at <u>primaryoffice@eastbrookschool.org</u>

Kind regards

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