

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

We are delighted to inform you that we will be welcoming back all our 600 children to Ecclesall Primary School on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. We are very pleased that our new Reception children will also be starting school from Week 2 as it will be “door stop” visits for them during week 1. We are sorry that they have been unable to have any transition visits during this summer term, as is our normal practice.

New class letters have been sent for September 2020. We will be having “bubbles”/ full classes of children but also year group bubbles where children will be able to mix across their year group at breaks and lunchtimes.

Below is detailed information regarding September. Please read it carefully as we need the co-operation of all parents/carers and children to ensure a smooth, safe, happy start for everyone. Thank you very much.

Risk Assessment

We have been awaiting the latest Risk Assessment from Sheffield City Council after receiving the Government guidance for reopening from September 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Sheffield City Council Health and Safety Team and Public Health England have sent the latest risk assessment today to all Sheffield schools. We will be adapting this risk assessment to add more detail for our school and then after approval from Governors, it then needs approval from the Health and Safety Team (H & S) and Public Health (PH). Once this has taken place, we will then upload this new version to our school website in the Covid section:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/covid-19/>

Our most recent July 6th RA version can be found here: <https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Ecclesall-Primary-School-Covid-Risk-Assessment-2020-July-6th-version-rj.pdf>

Staggered timings / limited time spent on site :

In line with Government guidance, we need to implement daily staggered timings for the start and end of school from September. Different year groups have different start times and end times to each other. Parents with siblings: Please practice social distancing whilst waiting for your other children to be able to enter school and collect from school.

Parents will only be allowed outside in the school grounds to drop off and collect. Detailed information is below in the table for where to take and collect your child including timings. Please

leave the school grounds immediately to avoid too many people on site at once. **We are unable to invite parents/carers or visitors into the school building at all and only 1 adult strictly by appointment if absolutely necessary.** This is all set out in the risk assessment from Public Health and H and S.

Children will only be able to use entry and exit points to the building that are specific to their class or year group bubbles. SLT will be outside to help guide those who need directing to where to take their child. If your child is Y5/6 and walks to school on their own, please do not let them arrive before their allocated start time as there will be no SLT responsible for them in the playground. **We have to stress how important it is to keep the amount of people on the school site to the absolute minimum.** Thank you.

One way system (Trial)

From September, we will have to trial a one-way system due to the large volumes of children and adults arriving and leaving school at any one time. Therefore, please **enter the school site via High Storrs Road driveway and leave via Huntley Road exit only.** This is to ensure social distancing takes place for all. Huntley Road pathway is quite narrow too so please be considerate to others. You will obviously need to allow more time to drop off and collect your child from school please.

Driveway

The school gates will be closed to all vehicles (apart from disabled access) from **8.20am-9.10am.** and **from 2.50-3.40pm** whilst the staggered timings are in place. The car park is for school staff only please.

Classes/Bubbles for September 2020

	Class	Y	Class teacher	Meeting point for arrival and collection	Staggered start and end times
1	Polars	Rec	Mrs Ramsey / Mrs Goodwin	Via the grass bank near Reception patio. Please walk round past Y6 block and follow the path up the steps to the Reception gate	9am start 3pm end
2	Pandas	Rec	Mrs Firth	Via the grass bank near Reception patio. Please walk round past Y6 block and follow the path up the steps to the Reception gate	9am start 3pm end
3	Koalas	Rec	Mrs Hoole	Y1 path to the Y1 playground, walk to the Rec patio gate (please be aware of other adults when using this narrow path)	9am start 3pm end

4	Seals	Y1	Miss Fairclough	Y1 path to the Y1 playground near the main entrance round to Seals outside door (please be aware of other adults when using this narrow path)	8.50am start 3.10pm end
5	Dolphins	Y1	Mrs Gill /Miss Curtis	EPS Main entrance (a Y1 TA will help guide the Y1 Dolphins to their classroom from the main door)	8.50am start 3.10pm end
6	Blue Whales	Y1	Miss Woodhouse	Y1 Fire door before the narrow path to the Y1 playground near the main entrance	8.50am start 3.10pm end
7	Tigers	Y2	Mrs McManus/Mrs Hanif	Outside Tigers classroom door on main playground	8.40am start 3pm end
8	Panthers	Y2	Mr Stedman	Outside Panthers classroom door near Gallery door	8.40am start 3pm end
9	Lions	Y2	Mrs Ramshaw/ Mrs Southern	Outside Lions classroom door off main playground	8.40am start 3pm end
10	Squirrels	Y3	Mrs Earl/Mrs Sutcliffe	Outside on grass verge near Squirrels outside door	8.30am start 3pm end
11	Hedgehogs	Y3	Miss Haslam	Outside on grass verge near Hedgehogs outside door	8.30am start 3pm end
12	Foxes	Y3/4	Mrs Chester and Mrs Biggs	Outside on grass verge near Foxes outside door	8.30am start 3pm end
13	Owls	Y4	Miss Gray	Main playground near MUGA/tyre park	8.40am start 3.10pm end
14	Hawks	Y4	Mrs Pegg	Main playground near MUGA/tyre park	8.40am start 3.10pm end
15	Eagles		Mrs Lucas/Mr Griffin	Main playground near MUGA/tyre park	8.40am start 3.10pm end
16	Stingrays	Y5	Miss Raynor	Fire door round back of school building near outdoor PE store	8.50am start 3.20pm end
17	Seahorses	Y5	Mr Fretter	Fire door round back of school building near outdoor PE store	8.50am start 3.20pm end
18	Stanage	Y6	Mrs Marlow	On grass/pathway near Y6 block. Use Stanage outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end

19	Edale	Y6	Mr Tague	On grass/pathway near Y6 block. Use Edale outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end
20	Padley		Mrs Gould/Mrs Palmer-Young	On grass/pathway near Y6 block. Use Padley outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end

Clothing:

Full school uniform to be worn from September 2020 please. Please click on the uniform link from our EPS school website to order uniform and for more details.

<http://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/uniform/>

Belongings:

Bags, equipment (including pencil cases) and soft toys must not be brought into school. Stationary will be provided in school for each class. Reading books in a school book bag will be able to be used from September but any other resources should be reduced to minimise any risk. It would be helpful if you could provide a named pack of tissues and hand gel for your child to keep in their tray.

Water bottles: please give these a thorough clean each day at home before and after being at school. Please ensure they are also NAMED. The outside water fountain continues to be not in use until further notice linked to Public Health advice. Thanks.

Lunchtime:

School dinners will be a grab bag packed lunch only (Ham, Cheese or Tuna sandwich) – no hot meals or you can provide your own packed lunch in a labelled, plastic box that has been thoroughly cleaned before it is brought to school. These grab bags will be delivered to each classroom door and each bubble will eat in their own classroom with their adult or weather dependent, outside in a zoned area with their bubble and an adult. This is to avoid mixing of bubbles. From Autumn 2, we may start with hot grab bags but will inform you when this change will occur.

Reminder: Please only provide healthy snacks for your child, for example, a piece of fruit (no crisps/chocolate) as we are a Healthy school. **NO NUTS** or anything containing traces of nuts in snacks or own packed lunches please. Thanks very much.

ZONES

We have had different zones for breaks and lunchtime for all our bubbles during this term and this has run very smoothly. This will continue in September with zones for year group bubbles.

Covid-19 symptoms:

If a child or adult in the bubble has a positive result of Covid-19, the whole bubble (year group) will need to leave our school site and self-isolate for up to 14 days. Siblings of any child/ren who are being tested will also need to be tested.

Latest Public Health guidance if your child/family member displays symptoms:

- Book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.
- Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Online home learning

Please click on the link: <https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/curriculum-2/> to continue accessing the home learning that has been provided over the spring and summer term. Week 7 home distance learning will have some activities/ideas for the summer holidays. All the spring and summer term home distance learning will remain on our EPS website over the summer holidays for you to continue to access.

Clubs/private school providers

Ecclesall Kids Club

Ecclesall Kids Club breakfast club and after school club will be providing separate information regarding September.

Unfortunately, all other clubs (before school, lunchtime and after school clubs) are postponed until further notice linked to the “bubble” rules from the Government. We will update you as soon as this guidance changes and we are able to start providing additional childcare provision once again.

Child care provision over the summer holidays

SCC are sending out a Sheffield directory for parents and carers who will need some child care provision during the summer holidays. This will hopefully be available in the next few days.

Well-being/ Transition: Resources to Support Your Child's Transition Back To School

In addition to the class specific documents below there is;

- 1) A general whole school booklet for children about the changes they will notice in school in September 2020. Please click on this link below:

[Ecclesall Primary School Changes Booklet – For Pupils September 2020](#)

- 2) An information booklet for parents about how to support your child with transition.

[Transition Support Booklet - For Parents Summer 2020](#)

Please look at the table on the next page to find your child's current class name on the left. In the following columns you will find links to a booklet about their new class and a 'welcome'

video from their new teacher. We are sure your child will love seeing their new teacher(s)!

Due to the Y2 classes mixing, Y2 parents, please look carefully at the links below to click on the correct current and new class info.

If you are having problems opening the links, try a different device, or you might need to add <https://drive.google.com/> to your safelist. This shows you how to do it.

<https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/allow-or-block-links-internet.html?mv=product&mv2=acrobat>

(Open Adobe - Edit – Preferences - Trust Manager - Change Settings - Add <https://drive.google.com/> and Click Allow - Ok)

Current class: FS2 Polars	New class: Y1 Blue Whales	Transition booklet about new class: New Y1 Blue Whales Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y1 Blue Whales Teacher Video
Current class: FS2 Koalas	New class: Y1 Dolphins	Transition booklet about new class: New Y1 Dolphins Booklet	Welcome video from new teachers: New Y1 Dolphins Teacher Video 1 New Y1 Dolphins Teacher Video 2
Current class: FS2 Pandas	New class: Y1 Seals	Transition booklet about new class: New Y1 Seals Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y1 Seals Teacher Video
Current class: Y1 Seals	New class: Y2 Lions	Transition booklet about new class: New Y2 Lions Booklet	Welcome video from new teachers: New Y2 Lions Teacher Video
Current class: Y1 Blue Whales	New class: Y2 Tigers	Transition booklet about new class: New Y2 Tigers Booklet	Welcome video from new teachers: New Y2 Tigers Teacher Video 1 New Y2 Tigers Teacher Video 2
Current class: Y1 Dolphins	New class: Y2 Panthers	Transition booklet about new class: New Y2 Panthers Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y2 Panthers Teacher Video
Current class: Y2 (mixed)	New class: Y3 Hedgehogs	Transition booklet about new class: New Y3 Hedgehogs Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y3 Hedgehogs Teacher Video

Current class: Y2 (mixed)	New class: Y3 Foxes	Transition booklet about new class: New Y3 Foxes Booklet	Welcome video from new teachers: New Y2 Foxes Teacher Video 1 New Y2 Foxes Teacher Video 2
Current class: Y2 (mixed)	New class: Y3 Squirrels	Transition booklet about new class: New Y3 Squirrels Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher(s): New Y3 Squirrels Teacher Video
Current class: Y3 Foxes	New class: Y4 Owls	Transition booklet about new class: New Y4 Owls Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y4 Owls Teacher Video
Current class: Y3 Hedgehogs	New class: Y4 Eagles	Transition booklet about new class: New Y4 Eagles Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher(s): New Y4 Eagles Teacher Video 1 New Y4 Eagles Teacher Video 2
Current class: Y3 Squirrels	New class: Y4 Hawks	Transition booklet about new class: New Y4 Hawks Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher(s): New Y4 Hawks Teacher Video
Current class: Y4 Eagles	New class: Y5 Stingrays	Transition booklet about new class: New Y5 Stingrays Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y5 Stingrays Teacher Video
Current class: Y4 Owls	New class: Y5 Seahorses	Transition booklet about new class: New Y5 Seahorses Booklet	Welcome video from new teacher: New Y5 Seahorses Teacher Video
Current class: Y5 Seahorses	New class: Y6 Stange	Transition booklet about new Stange class: New Y6 Hardwick Booklet	Welcome video from new Stange teacher: New Y6 Hardwick Teacher Video
Current class:	New class:	Transition booklet about new Padley class:	Welcome video from new Padley teacher(s):

Y5 Stingrays	Y6 Padley	New Y6 Haddon Booklet	New Y6 Haddon Teacher Video 1 New Y6 Haddon Teacher Video 2
Current class: Y5 Starfish	New class: Y6 Edale	Transition booklet about new Edale class: New Y6 Harewood Booklet	Welcome video from new Edale teacher: New Y6 Harewood Teacher Video
Current class: Y6 Hardwick	New class: Y7	Check your secondary school's website for further information.	
Current class: Y6 Haddon	New class: Y7		
Current class: Y6 Harewood	New class: Y7		

A whole school letter has been sent home this week regarding changing the names of the three Y6 classes. However, the teacher “hello” videos were made before this change so the original class names are used.

Reminder: Please work with your child to provide some information about their likes/hobbies etc and send in a photo to their future year group via the year group email addresses. Thanks.

Farewell Video

All teachers have done a farewell video for their classes and these will be emailed out to each class on the last day of term for the children to watch.

When your child returns to school in September 2020, everyday there will be a big emphasis on emotional well-being and we will be here to support your child with the changes. These resources and more are also available on the school website <https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/mental-health-and-well-being/>.

Attendance/ Holidays abroad

From September, children will be back full time at school and our normal attendance policy applies.

The government has set a requirement for people returning from some countries to quarantine for 14 days on their return. The latest guidance on quarantine can be accessed at [coronavirus \(COVID-](#)

19): how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK. Children will need to be back at school from the start of the autumn term.

Reminders: Please discuss the following with your child

Over the summer holidays, please can you talk to your child/ren about:

- The importance of the **1 metre+ social distancing rule** and explain that all children will be in class and year group bubbles only. Children need to know that they will not be able to go in and out of their year group base without an adult and they won't be able to mix with another bubble at any time throughout the day.
- **"Good hand hygiene"** and putting their tissue into a lidded bin in the classroom. We will be washing our hands on a regular basis throughout the day. The Public Health advice is **"Clean hands thoroughly, more often than usual"**.

We appreciate there is a lot of information attached to this letter but there is so much to inform you of and we wanted you to receive this before the summer holidays. We also understand that school will continue to still feel different to what we are normally used to but we have to follow the strict guidelines from Public Health England, Sheffield City Council Health and Safety Team and the Department for Education guidance. However, once the children are with their class teachers in their classroom, we are sure that everything will appear "normal" to them and we will do our utmost to ensure all children feel happy and secure at all times. Obviously, if there are any changes during the summer holidays to the guidance, we will inform you of this.

On behalf of my staff, we would like to thank you once again for all your support and understanding at this very challenging time. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and we really look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kind Regards

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