

Sunday 6th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

We were so happy to see all our children returning back to school last week and felt very proud of how resilient and brave they were starting in their new class/year group with new teachers and teaching assistants. There was a lovely atmosphere at school with a real emphasis on everyone being kind to each other. We would like to thank all the parents and carers for your patience and flexibility with all the new changes to ensure we are socially distancing and staying safe. I would also like to say a big thank you to all my wonderful, caring staff who have ensured that all our children feel settled, secure and happy and put well-being and mindfulness at the heart of everything that we do.

As you are aware, an update letter was sent in July regarding the new changes for September. Please click on this link below to re-read it to ensure you have all the information including risk assessments, staggered timings and limited time on site, social distancing, one way system, driveway, uniform, belongings, lunchtime, healthy snacks, zones, Covid-19 symptoms, online learning, clubs/private providers, well-being, attendance/ holiday self-isolating and hand washing.
<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Update-letter-10.7.20-1.pdf>

Risk Assessment

We have been informed by Sheffield City Council and Public Health England that version 8 of the risk assessment will be with us soon to adapt and have approved. Staff and many parents/carers have been wearing face covering in our larger communal areas outside on the playgrounds and grassy areas. We would like to request that all adults please **wear a face covering** when dropping off and collecting and ensure they are socially distancing please. There are times when the playground appears quite congested. **Please leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child/ren.**

Reminder: Driveway

The school gates are 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.

New Reception start this week for either 2 hours from 9-11am or 1-3pm from Monday 7th September.

The Senior Leadership team will be outside to direct you to your child's classroom when you arrive and leave. Please enter via the High Storrs Road entrance and leave via Huntley Road pathway. We are really looking forward to meeting you all. On our EPS website under "New Reception" will find lots of information regarding starting school and also all the letters that have been sent out to new parents. Please click on the link below:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/new-reception-information/>

	Class	Y	Class teacher	Meeting point for arrival and collection	Staggered start and end times from Wed 16 th September
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

Reminder re Belongings:

Bags, equipment (including pencil cases) and soft toys must not be brought into school. Stationary will be provided in school for each class. Only reading books in a reading book bag can be brought into school and taken home each day 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. Thank you.

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.

Reminder: Covid-19 symptoms:

If a child or staff member 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 14 days. Siblings of any child/ren who are being tested will also need to be tested. If a parent tests positive, the children from the family will have to self-isolate for 14 days but this won't affect the year group bubble and Public Health advice will be given to the Head Teacher.

If someone in your household tests positive, please email both myself headteacher@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk and also the office enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk so we can quickly advise you on the process that takes place.

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)

Attendance

From September, all children need to return full time at school and our normal attendance policy applies.

As always, we will listen to feedback and make changes wherever possible but please continue to be patient and understanding regarding the staggered start and end times and the one way system. Please also inform other family members who are taking your children to and from school re this. As you are aware, we have to follow Government guidelines for health and safety reasons and safeguarding is our top priority for all.

We hope you have had a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Kind Regards

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