

Tuesday 10th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

As you are aware, all schools continue to remain open for all children as they have since the start of the autumn term including the duration of the National restrictions. It is a very difficult time for everyone with National lockdown until 2<sup>nd</sup> December and then Sheffield returning to Tier 3 if the cases are still as high as at present.

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your patience and flexibility with all the continued changes to ensure we are socially distancing and staying safe. Please also inform other family members who are taking your children to and from school re the information in this letter.

**New pathway**

We are delighted that our new path will be finished today (Tuesday) and in use from tomorrow (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November). This is at the top of the staff car park leading down to the Y1 and Reception playground. There will be a gate at the top and the bottom of the path that will remain locked during the school day. At first, the path will be used by **Koalas, Polars and Seals** along with any parents who have prams in Pandas and Dolphins.

Below is the table of all the classes with any changes in **bold**. Please look carefully to see if these changes affect you and your child/ren.

**Meeting points for arrival and collection from Wednesday 11th November 2020**

	Class	Y	Class teacher	Meeting point for arrival and collection	Staggered start and end times
1	Polars	Rec	Mrs Ramsey / Mrs Goodwin	<b>Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground. Please wait at the Rec gate as normally used for Koalas.</b>	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. <b>If you have a pram, please arrive via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground.</b>	9am start 3pm end
3	Koalas	Rec	Mrs Hoole	<b>Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground.</b>	9am start 3pm end
4	Seals	Y1	Miss Fairclough	<b>Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground.</b>	8.50am start 3.10pm end

5	Dolphins	Y1	Mrs Gill /Miss Curtis	Y1 path to the Y1 playground near the main entrance round to Dolphins outside door (please be aware of other adults when using this narrow path)	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 and ramp area	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	Main playground near the grass verge facing the Y3 classrooms	8.30am start 3pm end
11	Hedgehogs	Y3	Miss Haslam	Main playground near the grass verge facing the Y3 classrooms	8.30am start 3pm end
12	Foxes	Y3/4	Mrs Chester and Mrs Biggs	Main playground near the grass verge facing the Y3 classrooms	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	Hawks outside door near main playground	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	<b>Main playground near MUGA/tyre park</b>	8.50am start 3.20pm end
17	Seahorses	Y5	Mr Fretter	<b>Main playground near MUGA/tyre park</b>	8.50am start 3.20pm end
18	Stanage	Y6	Mrs Marlow	On pathway near Y6 block. Use Stanage outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end
19	Edale	Y6	Mr Tague	On pathway near Y6 block. Use Edale outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end

20	Padley		Mrs Gould/Mrs Palmer-Young	On pathway near Y6 block. Use Padley outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end
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### Risk Assessment

We have recently sent you the link to our latest new version 9 of the Risk assessment via text and it can also be found on our EPS website. Click link below:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Ecclesall-Primary-School-Version-9-Covid-Risk-Assessment-Nov-2020-.pdf>

**Version 10** of the risk assessment is being adapted at present. This is due to new Government guidance linked to the new National restrictions.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

We will send version 10 when it has been approved by Health and Safety and Public Health.

### Reminders

- Continue with our staggered timings for start and end of school.
- Ensure everyone is adhering to the social distancing guidelines whilst waiting for your other children. If you are waiting near other families, please ensure your child is only with children from their own year group and not others using the same policies as we do during the school day.
- We continue to request that all adults please **wear a face covering** when dropping off and collecting and ensure they are socially distancing please.
- **Please leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child/ren:** There are times when the playground appears quite congested.
- Please remind your children not to go on either trim trail before or after school as we have year group bubbles on a rota each week.
- 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.**
- We are continuing with our one way system by entering the school site via High Storrs Road driveway when arriving in the morning and collecting at the end of the day. After dropping your child, you can either leave via Huntley Road exit or the High Storrs Road driveway by keeping to the left please.
- **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.
- 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. Please only allow **WATER** in the water bottles and no juice/squash.

- **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.
- **Extra clothing:** please remember to wear warm clothing and additional extra layers under school uniform. Don't forget your coat in addition to your school fleece as we aim to go outside daily whatever the weather. The children can wear their school hoody indoors at present too.

### Grass/bank

The grass all around school is now out of bounds as we move from autumn to winter including before and after school. Very few children will need to walk round the back of the building now with the exception of Pandas parents/carers. Please help us by reminding your children not to stand on the grass waiting or play ball games on the grass before or after school. 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. If someone in your household tests positive, please email both myself [headteacher@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk) and the office [enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto: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)

I would also like to say a big thank you to all my fantastic 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.

Kind Regards

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