

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

As you will have heard from The Prime Minister this evening, all primary school children will return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This is the news we wanted to hear; it will be lovely to have everyone back although we will need to continue with all our health and safety measures that were already in place during the autumn term 2020.

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your patience and flexibility to ensure we continue to socially distance and stay safe. We will be carrying on with our rigorous safety procedures including frequent handwashing and will be continuing with all the safe practices with children and adults working in year group bubbles and limiting the number of adults in school. Please help us to keep everyone safe by continuing to socially distance from each other at pick up and drop off times, keeping children nearby while you wait for siblings in other year groups and wear face masks and sticking to the one way system at the Huntley Road exit only. Please inform any other family members/childminders who are taking your children to and from school re the information in this letter.

**Important Reminders to read through please:**

- Continue with our staggered timings for start and end of school (see table below).
- 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.

### Meeting points for arrival and collection from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

	Class	Year	Class teacher	Meeting point for arrival and collection	Staggered start and end times
1	Polars	Rec	Mrs Ramsey / Mrs Goodwin	Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground. Please wait at 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. If you have a pram, please arrive via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground.	9am start 3pm end
3	Koalas	Rec	Mrs Hoole	Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground. Please wait at the Reception gate.	9am start 3pm end
4	Seals	Y1	Miss Fairclough	Via the new path from the top of the car park to the Y1 playground.	8.50am start 3.10pm end
5	Dolphins	Y1	Mrs Gill /Miss Lloyd	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	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	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	Y4	Mrs Lucas/Mr Griffin	Main playground near MUGA	8.40am start 3.10pm end
16	Stingrays	Y5	Miss Raynor	Main playground near MUGA	8.50am start 3.20pm end
17	Seahorses	Y5	Mr Fretter	Main playground near MUGA	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	Y6	Mrs Gould/Mrs Palmer-Young	On pathway near Y6 block. Use Padley outside door.	9am start 3.30pm end

### **Risk Assessment**

Reminder: Our most recent EPS Risk assessment (version 11) can be found on our EPS website. Click link below:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Ecclesall-Primary-School-Version-11-Covid-Risk-Assessment-15th-January-2021.pdf>

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support and patience during January-February 2021. We understand what extremely difficult circumstances you have been under whilst trying to work and teach your children at home. We do not underestimate the effort that this takes and we are so appreciative of everything that you are doing to keep not only your own children and families safe but also, the wider community by keeping the numbers of children in school at any given time to an absolute minimum. Thank you so much. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind Regards

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