



# Eaton Primary School



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Dear Parents

I am writing with a few updates to our school procedures. The first weeks back at school have gone exceptionally well, and I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful staff and children who are managing to make the very best of a challenging situation.

## Communication

I appreciate that day to day communication with class teachers has been curtailed as a result of our health and safety procedures. I would like to thank parents for their patience, understanding and support for the school's measures, which are in place to keep the whole school community as safe as possible.

Whilst the pandemic continues, parents should continue to contact the school office via email if they have a concern, question or information to pass on to their child's teacher. Leaders and teachers are available to speak with parents on the phone as the need arises.

## Health and Safety – face coverings

The school has recently updated its covid risk assessment. In addition to the previous requirement for all visitors to wear a face covering, it will now be mandatory for some staff to wear a visor when working with children. This will apply to staff who are working across the school with children, offering an extra layer of safety, and complies with the social communication requirements when working with primary aged children.

Staff included in this update include: Midday Supervisors; Learning Mentor & PSA; visiting Norfolk County Council staff; Premier Sport Coaches; ASC & Breakfast Club staff; Office administrators & Leaders; Visiting Teachers and First Aiders.

## Flu Vaccination

All school pupils are eligible for a flu vaccination which is administered as a nasal spray. I would encourage all parents to sign up for this provision which will be administered in school on 3 November.

## Curriculum

To keep parents up to date on what is being taught in class, full details of your child's curriculum for this term will be posted to the school website curriculum page next week. This will include a **knowledge organiser** which contains all of the key information and vocabulary for this term. Please use this knowledge organiser at home to practice key vocabulary and to support educational discussion with your child.

## Reporting to parents

We will send a progress report to parents after the half term break, to replace the suspended Autumn parent evening, which provides information on progress and settling into a new class. The report will give updates on attendance, education, wellbeing and achievement since the start of term. There will be a parent feedback form to complete which I would encourage all parents to return, to help us to improve our provision.

## **Remote Learning**

Remote learning was started across the school due to the high levels of covid-related absence in the second and third weeks of this term. With the current sharp decrease in covid-related absence, remote learning will be temporarily suspended. It will restart if absence sharply increases or if the school is required to close classes or year groups due to a positive covid test result, as has occurred in other schools. The school will move to a new online learning platform this term called Seesaw. This will replace our previous Class Dojo platform. In the meantime, if your child is absent from school, your teacher will provide work to complete at home.

## **Homework**

Homework for the half term will be posted to the website curriculum page from 5 October. Homework will be refreshed for the whole of Autumn 2 after the half term break.

## **Classroom Routines**

Guidance from the DfE is for schools to provide ventilation in classrooms by opening doors and windows, which mitigates against the accumulation and spread of viruses in an enclosed space containing up to 30 children. With the weather becoming colder, the building will be heated from this week. Parents should also ensure that children have jumpers on when coming to school.

Handwashing will continue on average 5 times a day, again to help prevent the spread of viruses. Please provide moisturiser at school (or moisturising sanitiser) for your child, if they are suffering from sore hands.

## **Bags**

Bags are now permitted to be brought to school to help with the growing number of items required. Please check that unnecessary items such as toys, are not brought in to school. Children should continue to wear a PE kit to school on their PE days.

## **Residential Visits**

Regrettably the current guidance from the Trust is that residential visits are suspended for this year. This includes the Year 4 Holt Hall and Year 6 Isle of Wight visits. If this advice changes, we will notify parents with our updated plans. I realise this will be a disappointment for our children and we are now exploring possible alternatives in the meantime.

I hope that this information has been useful and I will write again to parents with updated information before the half term break. I understand that routines have been disrupted and children and parents are coping with new challenges every day. I am hugely appreciative of everyone's continued support for the school at this time – thank you.



Yours faithfully

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Headteacher