



# Eaton Primary School



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Dear Parents

## Covid-19 Update 19.01.21

Firstly, a huge thanks to all our parents who are coping under very challenging circumstances with most children learning at home. We fully appreciate the pressures that parents are under and school continues to be here to provide support and guidance for anyone who needs it.

### Learning at home

As you know we are committed to continuing quality education whilst children are at home, via our learning platform Seesaw. This is working well and we have received positive feedback from parents. In response to requests for guidance on how much remote learning should be completed each day, I have set out below an indication of how much time your child ideally should be spending on Seesaw activities.

Year Group Guide	Suggested hours spent on daily Seesaw activities
Reception	2hrs
Year 1 & 2	3 hrs
Year 3 & 4	4 hrs
Year 5 & 6	4hrs

If your child has the capacity and motivation levels to do more and that feels right for your circumstances, then adjust your daily timetable accordingly.

Conversely, if your circumstances are making it difficult for your child to complete all of the work set, do what you can and do not worry if you have not completed everything.

I would expect most junior aged children to work with a good level of independence and apply themselves to most of the work set by their teachers on a daily basis.

Infant aged children will need more support from parents to access remote learning. This is why a little less is expected of them each day.

Please keep in touch with your teacher if you or your child is struggling with this expectation. Teachers are available to support children with their individual needs as far as possible.

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Try to keep to a usual school routine as far as possible and ensure your child has regular screen breaks and opportunities for exercise and recreation.

Look out each day for the teacher welcome message on Seesaw. Your teacher will talk through how much learning time they would expect for each activity and which items to prioritise.

Look out for teacher how to guides – step by step videos explaining skills and concepts.

I am attaching a useful Ofsted document 'What's working well in remote education'. In section 6 it highlights the benefits of our approach to remote teaching. Teachers pre-record (asynchronous) content to teach new concepts to the whole class and follow up with responses to pupil work and in some cases live sessions where necessary. In this way teachers can maximise their time responding to pupil work, which is where most learning occurs.

## **Communication**

Weekly group sessions have started this week and are the opportunity for children to share their experiences with their teachers and friends. These weekly meeting will continue whilst the school is closed. Teachers will also meet online with keyworker children in school.

Teacher/parent calls will be made this week. Please use this call to share your experiences of remote learning with us.

Louise Goodson remains in regular contact with parents where children are working on an IEP.

Our wellbeing team, Louise Willimot and Gemma Leggett, are also available to speak with parents.

If you or your child are finding any aspect of the current situation challenging and need some support or advice, please get in touch with us via the office.

## **IT Access**

Please tell us if you need a Chromebook loan. We have currently loaned 45 devices to families and have capacity to meet further demand. If your children are sharing a device or you are running off a mobile phone – please contact the office to arrange to collect a school device.

## **Safeguarding**

Our Designated Safeguard Leaders continue to provide ongoing safeguarding support to all families at this time. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Ms Estlea direct at [deputy@eaton.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@eaton.norfolk.sch.uk) Alternatively, Norfolk County Council will respond to any safeguarding concerns on 0344 800 8020.

## **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)**

I have attached a copy of our updated AUP which covers remote learning expectations for teachers, pupils and parents. By using Seesaw you and your child are agreeing to this policy.

## **Testing in primary school**

From week beginning 25 January, all primary schools have been asked to begin testing of staff at school for covid. The test is voluntary and only for those working onsite at school.

Testing is important because staff could be carrying the virus without symptoms and may spread it to others at school. Testing will happen at home twice weekly before staff coming into work.

In the event of staff absence, due to a positive test, school will maintain its policy of keeping separate keyworker year group bubbles. We will attempt to maintain these bubbles with a contingency plan, but may need to close them if we have shortages of staff.

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## Free School Meals

We have ensured that families are in receipt of vouchers if they are eligible for free school meals. Vouchers will continue during the half term and these will be ordered in advance for families. If you think you are eligible for income based free school meals, please apply via Norfolk: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

## Half term

There has been no government announcement on school opening to keyworkers during the half term. I will update parents on our provision, when we have this information. We will assess our staffing capacity and may need to limit to keyworker children under the Norfolk criteria, if we open.

Thank you everyone once again for the on-going support for the school at this time.

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