



# Eaton Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope that all of our families were able to take some down time over the half term week; enjoying some sunnier weather and having a break from remote learning.

The Prime Minister's road map, to be announced on Monday afternoon, will I hope give us the details on school reopening timescales.

Schools have been promised a two week lead in time to allow for preparations, and March 8 has been set by the government as the earliest possible date for reopening.

School has already started to plan for a full return to school. Whatever the date, I am looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school.

- **School remains closed to all children except keyworkers.**
- **Remote learning for children working at home, will recommence on Monday 22 February. Teachers will post in the usual way from 8am. Please log on as usual on Monday.**
- **Learning onsite will recommence on Monday 22 February for keyworker children who are booked to attend. Do not attend school if you are not booked.**

The following are some of the significant challenges and opportunities that now lie ahead of us for when we reopen:

## **Covid- Safety**

We are updating the school risk assessment to reflect any changes in risk and government guidance. We will continue with all previous measures including additional cleaning to high touch areas, regular hand sanitising, increased room ventilation and teaching in class bubbles. On restarting school, we will revert back to the previous staggered start and collection times and Drop and Go arrangements on the playground.

## **Staffing**

CEV staff are now required to shield up to 31 March. We have several staff shielding, which will impact on staffing levels.

Teaching in class bubbles will continue; staff will not work across classes.

## **Learning Together Through Challenge**

## Curriculum

Our timetable and curriculum will need to adapt to meet gaps in learning. However I am keen to frame any adjustments within a broad curriculum, with continued teaching in art, history and geography for example.

All statutory testing has been cancelled by the government. We will therefore need to consider the best methods to assess learning outcomes by the end of the year. We will use low stakes, low stress methods to gain an understanding of any gaps in learning.

## Digital Learning

We want to capture the many strengths of our remote learning offer once we are back in school. All junior pupils will have their own individual chromebook on their return to school.

Children will continue to access Seesaw at school and we will develop an approach to extended digital learning, with the goal of enhancing and accelerating learning for all children.

## Premises

We have been allocated a large proportion of government grant money from the Trust to fund a whole school windows and doors replacement project. This will commence in the summer term. Planning is in place to control disruption to classes during this time.

## Extended Schools

I understand the importance of this service to many of our parents, and it is therefore my intention to restart both the breakfast and after schools clubs as soon as possible when we restart school.

I hope the detail above provides some understanding of the level of preparations that are currently underway. I will write again with more detail, as time scales become known.

And finally my thanks to everyone for the amazing team effort that has kept us going through this crisis:

**To our children** for enduring this challenge with courage and fortitude.

**Our parents** for your tremendous support, patience and perseverance.

**Our support staff** for coming into school every day for our keyworker children.

**Our teachers** for the amazing teaching and engagement with all our children.

**Our office staff** for providing excellent support to parents and school leaders.

Yours faithfully

Allan Lowe  
Headteacher

## Learning Together Through Challenge