



# Eaton Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope that everyone had a good half term break. Thankfully the school has enjoyed a period of stability since we returned to full roll on 8 March. This has given teachers the time to begin to address learning lost during the school closures.

Our remote learning provision from January to March, certainly has made a significant difference in reducing the negative impact on educational attainment for many children. However, gaps remain in children's learning, especially in writing which is harder to teach remotely.

On the upside, early indications are that our KS2 digital initiative has in-fact accelerated learning. All junior pupils now access a large proportion of their learning via the Seesaw platform on a personal Chromebook device. This is a transformational change in teaching and learning and a timely tool for us to meet the educational deficits as a result of the pandemic.

## Covid-19 risk assessment update:

There has been no change to DFE guidance and we will continue with our current safety measures, until further notice. We will however merge the reception class bubbles to assist with staffing levels and teaching groups. This change will take place from Monday 14 June.

## Teaching arrangements 2021-22

We have two new teachers joining in September, who we warmly welcome to our team.

Miss Duthie joins us as an early career teacher after gaining a 1<sup>st</sup> class BA Hons in Music and Masters in Education. Miss Duthie is providing cover for Mrs Totterdale's maternity leave.

Mrs Buckle is an experienced teacher joining us from Beccles Primary Academy. Mrs Buckle has a 1<sup>st</sup> class BA Hons in linguistics and is a permanent part time appointment.

We have the opportunity to move to a shared teaching assistant structure across KS2, due to staff leaving. This restructuring is financially driven. Covid-19 has had a negative impact on both costs and income.

Please see classes for September below:

2021 – 22 Class	Previous class	Teacher	Class support
6W	5T	Jo Wells	Jo Tozer
6M	5C	Jenny Mathew	
5RB	4L	Becca Rose (Mon – Wed) Hannah Buckle (Thu – Fri)	Vacancy
5H	4J	Sam Hughes	

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<b>4J</b>	3MH	Mark Jones	Louise Tillett
<b>4D</b>	3H	Grace Duthie	
<b>3L</b>	2C	Alice Lavender	Lyn Fowler
<b>3AP</b>	2T	Lynsey Arnold (Mon - Tue) Gemma Price (Wed – Fri)	Gemma Price Angela Castro – Lopez
<b>2T</b>	1W	Chloe Tilley	Shelley Robinson
<b>2W</b>	1G	Vicky White	Sally Brown
<b>1M</b>	Rabbits	Katy Mills (née, Collins)	Anna Mallinson
<b>1G</b>	Hedgehogs	Alex Gardner	Dianna Searle
<b>R hedgehogs</b>		Jo Watson	Vickie Loveday
<b>R Rabbits</b>		Christina Hughston (Wed – Fri) Lizzie Sully-Wood (Mon – Wed)	Sophie Williamson

### Transition arrangements

**Whole School:** It is our intention to continue with our previous transition program where all children spend the week beginning 12 July with their new teacher. This gives teachers and pupils the opportunity to get to know one another before the summer break and to commence their program of learning for next year. We have found that this reduces anxiety in children and allows teachers to better plan and prepare for the new term. Mrs Buckle, Miss Duthie and Mrs Arnold will all be in school during this week to take their new classes.

**Reception:** I have been really impressed by the way our reception children have returned back to school with energy and enthusiasm for learning. However, due to the negative impact of lost learning this year on personal, social and emotional development (PSED), we will continue elements of the Early Years curriculum next year into Year 1. Children will be taught the National Curriculum, but we will continue to plan and make provision for the PSED through continuous provision in the afternoon sessions.

**Year 6:** Regrettably arrangements for the end of Year 6 have once again been scaled down due to covid. We have however, enhanced plans for the last week, including a day of exciting outdoor adventure. We will have an end of year BBQ and each child will be presented with an inscribed book and personalised hoodie from the PTA. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year despite the covid disruptions and we are all very proud of what they have achieved.

### Secondary Transfer days:

CNS transition: 12 – 16 July

Hetherset transition: 7 & 9 July

### Assessment and reporting to parents

We have continued to assess children's learning through the year, including during the period of home learning. Following the recovery aims I previously set out to reduce anxiety for children, we have not run any testing this term and all national curriculum levels in reports are based on teacher assessment. This year we have quality assured our

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assessments by working with our Trust colleagues at Dell Primary School. End of Year reports will be sent to parents via email during the last week of the term w/b 19 July.

### **Curriculum update**

The Digital curriculum has been a new initiative in the school since we returned in March. Pupils in KS2 now have continuous access via their own Chromebook, to online resources to support their learning. Pupils can therefore re-run support material or access high level content from their teacher instantaneously within the lesson. This has resulted in accelerated rates of progress. It is our ambition to continue to develop our digital capability with a view to becoming a centre of excellence for digital teaching and learning in the future.

Next year we will continue to build on the breadth of curriculum taught at the school. Senior leaders have undertaken a detailed curriculum review and we will have in place for September a strengthened curriculum offer for every child. This includes enhancements in the teaching of art, music, design and the humanities.

### **Governance**

We are looking to appoint new governors for the school in the new term. The Trust is engaged in a review of its governance structures, including the role of Academy Governance. If you think you may be interested in a governance role, please write to myself and the CEO with an expression of interest via email to the school office.

### **Premises improvement**

Due to the condition of the school doors and windows, we have received funding from the Trust for a complete replacement program. This work is due to commence on 19 July. Disruption will be kept to a minimum during the set-up of a compound and start of non – classroom elevations for the rest of the week. The work will continue throughout the summer break with an ambition to complete before the start of term.

This work will improve energy efficiency and enhance the appearance of the school which has greatly deteriorated over recent years.

Kind regards



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