



# STARTING BACK IN SEPTEMBER!

Autumn Term 2020

The education minister announced that schools will open on September 1st and schools need to prepare for a full return of all pupils by September 14th. Class structures have now been agreed with governors and the following plans are now in place for all our children to return. The plans are made in accordance with the Welsh Assembly guidance. Social distancing has now become less intensive for children, but *adults must continue to social distance*.

Please read the following and if you have any questions, contact the school on 01639 882819, or school mobile on 07387903683 / 07423816942.



## Starting back at Eastern...



*The safety and wellbeing of all pupils remains our most important priority.*

*There may be times when your child needs some individual support and may*

*need to come out of their class bubble for a short period of time. Mrs J Davies*

*will be available for these children and she will contact you if we have any worries or if your child is upset.*

*If your child needs to be collected from school, please ring the school when you arrive outside and Mrs Davies will bring your child out to meet you.*



## How will pupils start school in September?

Over the first two weeks of September we have arranged for all pupils to come into school to meet their new teacher, see their classroom, find out about the new way of working, check everything out, and ask questions.

We will do this carefully to ensure pupils and adults feel safe, especially those who have not been into school at all in the weeks before the summer break.

These visits will focus on wellbeing and 'blended learning' which will ensure we can revert to home learning if there is a need for closure or a local lockdown.



## Who comes in and when?

Date	Group	Times	Entrance & Exit
Thurs Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rec	8.40am - 3.10pm	Early Year Unit (main door)
	Year 6	8.40am - 3.10pm	Main door
Fri Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / Yr 1	8.50am - 3.20pm	Early Year Unit (fire door)
	Year 4/5 (WD)	8.50am - 3.20pm	Main door
Mon Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 / 2	8.50am - 3.20pm	Bottom gate, side door
	Year 2/3	9.00am - 3.30pm	Bottom gate, side door
Tues Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4/5 (MG)	9.00am - 3.30pm	
	Nurs / Rec	8.40am - 3.10pm	Early Year Unit (main door)
	Year 2/3	9.00am - 3.30pm	Bottom gate, side door
	Year 4/5 (WD)	8.50am - 3.20pm	Main door
Wed Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / Yr 1	8.50am - 3.20pm	Early Year Unit (fire door)
	Year 4/5 (MG)	9.00am - 3.30pm	Main door
	Year 6	8.40am - 3.10pm	Main door
Thurs Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nurs / Rec	8.40am - 3.10pm	Early Year Unit (main door)
	Year 1 / 2	8.50am - 3.20pm	Bottom gate, side door
	Year 2/3	9.00am - 3.30pm	Bottom gate, side door
	Year 6	8.40am - 3.10pm	Main door
	Year 6	8.40am - 3.10pm	Main door
Fri Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / Yr 1	8.50am - 3.20pm	Early Year Unit (fire door)
	Year 1 / 2	8.50am - 3.20pm	Bottom gate, side door
	Year 4/5 (WD)	8.50am - 3.20pm	Main door
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## SOCIAL DISTANCING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

How will school manage the social distancing outside the school when I drop my child off?

- Throughout September, there is a staggered start to each school day; Parents and carers have an allocate time slot for drop off. (This is under review with Welsh Government, we will update you as soon as we know more.)
- Signs are displayed clearly, outside for parents, including 2m social distance markers and directions for queueing.



## SAFEGUARDING - MORNING HANDOVER



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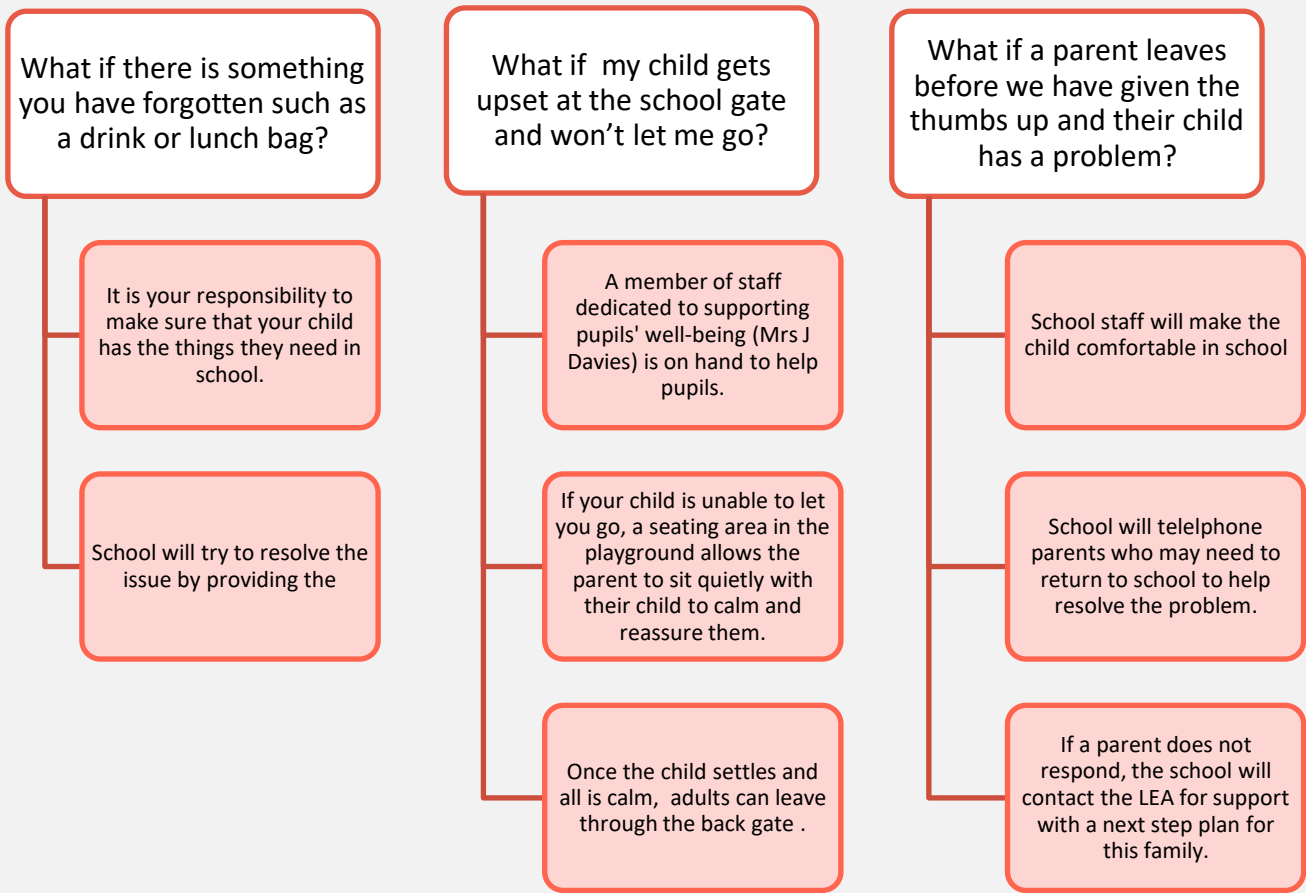
What are the arrangements for handing my child over to staff at the school?

- *One* parent or adult only, will bring their child or children to school.
- Children and parent/adult queue at 2m distance markers, (just like supermarkets!)
- A member of staff will be on hand to ensure your child enters the school gates safely.
- You will be able to pass on any important information to our staff member, if necessary.
- Ensure your child has brought:
  - ✓ One or two water bottles filled with water
  - ✓ Lunch in a plastic box, or paper bag
  - ✓ A snack for breaktime.

# Contingency plans



What if something goes wrong?





## CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

What do classrooms look like?

- Classrooms have desks which face the same way – towards the front of the classroom (to minimize virus from coughs or sneezes.)
- Movement in class will be organized by the teacher.
- Pupils will learn new classroom and school rules.
  - ✓ Each pupil will be given their own pencil case (zip wallet which will contain everything your child needs for any paper-based tasks.



## BEING IN SCHOOL

### What is school like at the moment?

- You will find that Eastern has had to make some necessary changes to ensure the safety of all our staff and pupils. Please talk to your child about how important it is to follow school rules in order to ensure they are learning, and their classmates feel safe in school.

### Are children allowed to bring their book bags to school?

- No, not yet.
- They cannot be easily wiped, and we are trying to minimise the number of items brought into school from different homes. This is to reduce any risks still posed with Covid-19.

### Is breakfast club running?

- Yes, in a slightly different way at the moment. Breakfast club will be open for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6. Pupils will have toast delivered to their classrooms and will be supervised by our Breakfast club staff.

### Will there be after school clubs?

- No, we are not providing after school clubs at this moment in time.



### How will my child receive First Aid or medication?

- If a child is injured, they will be taken to a dedicated First Aid area for treatment
- A trained first aider will put on any required PPE equipment, as set out in Welsh Government and local authority guidance.
- Parents will be contacted, and will either be asked to collect their child, or may simply be informed of the incident or injury.
- Any first aid which has been administered is logged into an online Local Authority database by the first aider.

### Can my child wear a mask to school? Will staff be wearing masks?

- Welsh government have advised that masks are *not* required for routine classroom activities.
- If members of staff are dealing with a child with symptoms that appear relate to Covid-19, or who may need to change a child who has soiled, staff will be required to wear gloves, an apron, fluid resistant masks and eye protection.
- Non-medical face masks are only recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- If children are unable to manage face coverings or masks safely this could increase the risk of transmission.
- School will not refuse a pupil wearing a face covering though we advise the parent to contact school first.

### What should my child bring to school?

Please ensure your child only brings these items into school;

- One large or two smaller filled water bottles.
- Packed lunch – in a paper or plastic bag or box please.





## BEHAVIOUR IN AND AROUND SCHOOL

How will school manage behaviour which puts others at risk?

- Everyone's safety is our number one priority, we are being supported by the Local Authority.
- All parents and carers will receive an outline of the behavior we expect from all pupils in the school. Please can all parents and carers talk through the school expectations with their child and support the school and their child.
- It may be the case that we will conduct a risk assessment in order to make a decision in the interests of safety for the child, classmates and all members of staff.
- If a child puts any other child or adult at risk, parents or carers will collect the child from school and will continue to learn at home.



## HYGIENE

What will pupils need to do regarding hygiene?

- Children will learn handwashing is vital to stop the spread of the virus.
- Pupils will wash their hands regularly throughout the day; they will be reminded after playtimes, using the toilet and before eating lunch.
- There is a bottle of hand-sanitizer at pupils' desks which they can use when necessary.
- Children will be reminded that when they sneeze, wipe or blow their nose, the tissue used must be thrown away immediately.
- If a child sneezes in a vicinity where there are no tissues readily available in time, they will be encouraged to sneeze into their elbow area, as national advice was given many weeks ago.

What are the plans for children visiting the toilet?

- The urinal in the boys' toilets will not be used.
- Only three pupils will be allowed in the toilet at the same time.

We have a regular cleaning routine for pupil toilets.



## Will the school be cleaned thoroughly?

- Arrangements are for the school to be cleaned as per guidance from the local authority.
- Surfaces, door handles, equipment, and anything shared will be wiped down regularly throughout the school day.
- We are making arrangements for pupil toilets to also be checked, sanitized and freshened up throughout the day.



## SICKNESS and COVID-19 Symptoms.



What happens if my child feels ill whilst in school?

- Pupils will be isolated from their classmates in the school main office.
- A staff member will accompany the pupil to the main office whilst maintaining 2m social distancing and comfort the pupil until our first aider can put on suitable PPE and take over.
- The windowed door will be closed, and a staff member will stay outside as support or to send messages if necessary.



- The school admin officer (Mrs John) will quickly telephone the parent or carer.
- The pupil will then be collected from school.



- Once the parent / carer arrives at the school gate, they telephone school from outside the school gates at the observation point near the school railings. The pupil will be accompanied out of school with a staff member wearing PPE (do not be alarmed, this is for everyone's safety!)
- If your child feels unwell in the morning before school, please do not send them in. This will not be seen as an unauthorised absence so please do not worry about this. Safety is first not attendance. You will be helping us and keeping everyone safe.



What if we cannot contact parents?

- We will continue to telephone.
- Should a pupil's condition continue to worsen, we will telephone for an ambulance.
- If symptoms are unrelated to coronavirus, and school cannot make contact with parents or carers, the LEA and Children Services will be contacted for next steps.



## What happens if a member of staff feels unwell in school?

- The staff member will first ensure the children are safe and supervised.
- They will be sent home to isolate, immediately.
- Parents will be informed if the staff member has had contact with their child or children.
- Parents will also be informed if there are concerns over symptoms.



## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



Will there be any visitors, parents or others in the school building at all?

- No.

*In order to reduce risk, no adults will be allowed into the school building.*

With very few exceptions:

- LEA officers, in order to make vital health and safety checks such as, fire alarm checks, security, and deliveries of cleaning equipment.
- The reopening plan will be agreed by the Chair of Governors and will he will need to visit the school prior to opening to assess risks and the suitability of the measures put in place.

Non-essential visits to the school will be refused.

### But what about...



### I have more questions. Where can I find out?



We have set up a page on the school website where parents and carers can ask questions – answers to all previous questions are posted on this page.



Click [here](#), or click the picture to visit that page.