



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Further to my letter dated Friday 29th May 2020, I write to update you on the plans to re-open Edith Cavell to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

The Governing Body has met a number of times in the last week to consider the safe reopening of the school to further year groups. We have carefully considered the Independent SAGE group findings, we have had the detailed Risk Assessment prepared by the school reviewed by an independent expert and taken note of the infection rate in Bedford Borough.

Myself and the Governing Body have come to the decision that we will open the school to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils on **Monday 15th June 2020**, subject to further advice and direction from the DfE. The school will remain open for those key worker children currently attending.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back to school, on **Monday 15th June**, those children whose parents have indicated that they would like them to return to school. These children will return in their 'Bubbles' as was indicated in my letters dated 22nd May.

In the letter dated 22nd May, you will have been informed which group, either Group A or Group B, that your child has been allocated to. If you are unsure which Group your child has been allocated to please contact the school.

The days that each group should attend school is shown on the table below

	Monday 15 th June	Tuesday 16 th June	Wednesday 17 th June	Thursday 18 th June	Fri 19 th June
Week 1	Group A	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B
	Monday 22 nd June	Tuesday 23 rd June	Wednesday 24 th June	Thursday 25 th June	Friday 26 th June
Week 2	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group B

They will remain in this Group of children and staff each time that they are in school.

The children will be sent home with learning activities to complete on the days that they are not in school.

The staggered start and end times for the different year group are outlined below



	Start	End of day			Start	End of day
Nursery	12.30pm	2.30pm		Jade Y1	9.00am	3.30pm
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm		Quartz	9.00am	3.30pm
Emerald	8.30am	3.00pm		Opal Y6	8.30am	3.00pm

There will be a strict one-way system around the outside of the school building and we request that parents maintain social distancing when accessing the school site or waiting to drop off or collect their children. Please do not come on to the school site before the allocated start/finish time to avoid too many people congregating outside classrooms. **We would strongly request that at areas where parents congregate, that they ensure that they maintain social distancing.** A plan of the one-way system can be viewed on the school web site.

Children should enter their classrooms via the outside classroom doors.

Nursery children should be dropped off and collected at the main school reception door.

Children are asked to attend school in school uniform, but may wear trainers or shoes suitable for outdoor activities as no children will change for PE lessons, therefore PE bags/kits will not need to be brought in to school.

Children should not bring book bags, or water bottles to school. Children will be given a plastic cup each day and water will be available at all times. No reading or library books will be sent home, but your child will be listened to read in school daily. Please continue to use family reading books to read with your children at home.

We would prefer that children have school dinners, but if parents still wish their child to have a packed lunch, please can this be in a named plastic sandwich box and **NOT** a fabric lunch bag. At lunch time, only one Group will be accessing the dining hall at a time and tables and chairs will be sanitised between Groups.

If parents need to communicate with the school office, we would prefer if this could be done via phone or email as this would be preferable to physically visiting the office. Class email addresses can continue to be used to communicate with class teachers as face to face meetings are highly discouraged. A phone call can also be made by a class teacher after the end of the school day.

If you have initially made the decision that you do not wish your child to return to school on 15th June, you may review this decision at any time. We ask that you contact the school and advise us of your wish to now send your child back to school so that we can plan and prepare accordingly.

If you have any questions about any of this information, or this information has not answered a question that you did have, please email the question to the school email address – office@ecls.org.uk and we will try to answer your question as quickly as possible.

Kind regards

H. L. Cooke