



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – July 2020

A note from Miss Cooke

As the end of term fast approaches this Friday 17th July, it is an opportunity to inform parents about some changes that are taking place in school and also remind parents about arrangements for September and how they can support their children to be ready to return to school on Monday 7th September 2020.

Parents are reminded that they can collect their child's end of year report from the school office. Details of which new class for September your child will be moving into is included in the report. Any reports not collected by Friday 17th July will be retained until children return to school in September.

If at any point you suspect that any child or family member is displaying signs of Covid 19 – they should not attend school. But you should inform school of the reason for their absence and make arrangements for all family members to take a Covid 19 test.

The symptoms of Covid 19 are:-

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

As ever if you have any questions or queries please contact the school either by email on office@ecls.org.uk or via telephone.

Please stay safe.

Miss Cooke

Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of term and also welcoming some new staff at the start of the new term in September.

Mrs Davidson, has decided that the time has come to take early retirement and will be leaving the school at the end of term. Mrs Davidson has worked at the school for 17 years, both full and part time. We wish her well in her early retirement and are sure that she will enjoy being able to take holidays in term time.

Mrs Shatford has also decided that the time is right for her to pursue other opportunities away from the school and will be leaving at the end of term. Mrs Shatford has been at the school 16 years and has supported countless numbers of children on their journey through Edith Cavell. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new projects.



After working at the school for 20 years, Mrs Bachmanis has decided that it is time for her to retire also. She has supported many children to reach for their full potential and been instrumental in enabling them to achieve their goals. Mrs Bachmanis has promised that she will return in the new year to be part of our reading volunteer army and we look forward to her being still associated with the school.

Miss Bailey, who has covered for Miss Prior during her maternity leave, will be remaining at the school in September and she will be the class teacher in charge of Ruby class.

Miss Prior will be returning to a class teacher role in September as class teacher in Garnet class.

Attendance

From the start of the Autumn term on Monday 7th September 2020, the government has clearly stated that all children should return to school full time and attendance is mandatory. Any non-attendance will be subject to previous and usual rules. Parents will be required to notify the school of the reason for non-attendance, holidays will not be granted in term time and any non-attendance could be subject to fixed penalty notices issued by the Local Authority.

Classes for September 2020

Class	Year group	Teacher
Little Treasures	Nursery - pm	Mrs Lewis
Amber	Reception	
Emerald	Year 1	Mr Bennett
Jade	Year 1 / 2	Mrs Wibberley
Ruby	Year 2	Miss Bailey
Garnet	Year 3	Miss Prior
Aquamarine	Year 3 / 4	Miss Martin
Sapphire	Year 4	Mr Parks
Pearl	Year 5	Mr Chorley
Opal	Year 5 / 6	Miss Dakin
Quartz	Year 6	Miss Clark

Arrangements for September

We will be **maintaining the one-way systems around the outside and inside of the school**. This will again help to maintain social distancing and prevent certain areas becoming pinch points. While school staff will continue to be a visible presence at the start and end of the school day, **please, please, please** set a good example to your children and other parents by maintaining social distancing when on the school premises and respect the one-way system and follow it even if school staff are not present. **We would also ask that parents try to wait away from the natural thoroughfare and path around the school** so that all parents can easily maintain social distancing when moving around the school.

We will be **maintaining the staggered start and end times to the school day**. This will mean that the number of children and parents accessing the school site at any one time will be reduced, will prevent crowding and allow parents to stand socially distanced outside all classrooms. We are aware that for some families they may have siblings with different start and end times to the school day. We would ask you to work with us to accommodate these different start and end of school day times to ensure that we can maintain social distancing and avoid congestion in cloakrooms and toilets when washing hands as the children come into school.

KS1	Start of day	End of day		KS2	Start of day	End of day
Nursery	12.30pm	3.30pm		Garnet	9.00am	3.30pm
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm		Aquamarine	8.30am	3.00pm
Emerald	8.30am	3.00pm		Sapphire	8.45am	3.15pm
Jade	9.00 am	3.30pm		Pearl	8.45am	3.30pm
Ruby	8.30am	3.00pm		Opal	8.30am	3.15pm
				Quartz	8.55am	3.40pm

Breakfast Club and After School Club will resume from Monday 7th September. Places **must** be pre-booked and paid for via the Parent Pay portal prior to the date on which wrap around care is required.

From the start of the Autumn Term on Monday 7th September, children may bring their book bag or school bag to school and we ask that children:-

- return to wearing full school uniform, including school shoes.
- bring a named water bottle to school each day
- have available, every day, a full PE kit
- bring packed lunches in named packed lunch boxes or bags
- bring a healthy snack in a **small** bag or box
- resume homework tasks and reading at home

We will resume sending reading books home for parents to support the development of reading skills. When the reading books are returned to school they will be stored and unused for 72 hours prior to them being returned to use for another child to access. This is in line with the guidance on use of shared resources.

School dinners should be paid for in the usual way, via the Parent Pay portal. If you wish your child to have daily school milk, this can be paid for via the Cool Milk link on the school web site.

Social Distancing

The following measure will remain in place at the school at the start of the Autumn term to ensure good standards of hygiene and do all we can to try and prevent and spread of the virus.

- Children will be reminded regularly, throughout the day about social distancing
- The start and finish times of each year group that is in school will be different.
- Children will sit at desks all facing the front of the classroom to avoid sitting across from another child
- Children will have their own 'kit' in a named zip bag to avoid sharing resources – no child should bring their own stationary from home
- Shared resources such as laptops will be wiped down after each use
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and separate. The school field will be divided in half with a 'No mans land' section in the middle. Trim trail equipment will NOT be available.
- There will be NO whole school assemblies.
- At lunch time, children will only sit on one side of the tables and so avoid facing other children across the table. Tables and chairs will be disinfected between groups of children using them

Class emails

Class emails may be used to contact new class teachers when we return to school in September. These email addresses will **NOT** be monitored over the summer holidays and should only be used from Monday 7th September. Any communication over the summer holidays should be directed to the main school office email address office@ecls.org.uk

Class	Email address		
Opal	opal@ecls.org.uk		
Quartz	quartz@ecls.org.uk	Ruby	ruby@ecls.org.uk
Pearl	pearl@ecls.org.uk	Emerald	emerald@ecls.org.uk
Aquamarines	aqua@ecls.org.uk	Jade	jade@ecls.org.uk
Sapphire	sapphire@ecls.org.uk	Amber	amber@ecls.org.uk
Garnet	garnet@ecls.org.uk	Little Treasures	treasures@ecls.org.uk

Eligibility to Free School Meals.(FSM)

We are very aware that some families may be facing changing financial circumstances due to the Coronavirus outbreak. If, through change of circumstances, you feel your child may have become eligible for free school meals, we would urge you to consider applying for this benefit. Details of those who may now be eligible for FSM can see eligibility criteria on the school web site at <https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/free-school-meals/>

An application for free school meals can be made at https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Bedford Libraries are again running their Summer Reading Challenge.

This year the challenge has gone on line. Information can be found on the Bedford Libraries web site

http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.children_te_engers/whats_in_the_library_for_me.htm

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

sillysquad.org.uk

Government guidance for parents - online harms

The government has produced a webpage listing sources of advice and support for keeping their children safe. The guide includes information about:

- Protect children from domestic abuse
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Crime, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines, violence and gangs
- Protect children from radicalisation
- Prevent
- Online child safety
- Mental health

The information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

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Academic Year 2020 – 2021

Autumn Term 2020

First Day of Term for children
Monday 7th September 2020
October Half Term
Monday 26th October 2020
First day back after Half Term for children
Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Last Day of the Autumn Term
Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

First Day of Term for children
Tuesday 5th January 2021
February Half Term
Monday 15th February 2021
First day back after Half Term for children
Monday 22nd February 2021
Last Day of the Spring Term
Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term 2021

First Day of Term for children
Tuesday 13th April 2021
May Half Term
Monday 31st May 2021
First day back after Half Term for children
Monday 7th June 2021
Last Day of the Summer Term
Thursday 22nd July 2021

These dates are also displayed on the school website

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-term-dates/>

Please stay safe – wash your hands regularly – and socially distance.