



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday 22nd February 2021 regarding all children returning to school, I wish to outline some organisational arrangements that the school will have in place to enable the safe full reopening of the school on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Parents are reminded that attendance at school from Monday 8th March is **mandatory** and it is parents responsibility to ensure that their child maintains good attendance at school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming **ALL CHILDREN in IN ALL YEAR GROUPS**, back to school on Monday 8th March 2021. Children should wear normal school uniform and will be advised which days they will require their PE kits. As in the Autumn term, if children are undertaking a PE lesson in a morning, children may come to school in their PE kits, if they have a PE lesson in the afternoon they will come home in their PE kits.

Breakfast and After School Club are available to book on Parent Pay for any children who require wrap around care. Children will be required to maintain phase bubbles while attending breakfast and after school club.

We will maintain a staggered start and end to the school day to limit the number of children and parents attempting to access the site at any one time. The start and end times of the school day are outlined on the table below.

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

We will also maintain the one-way system around the outside of the school and ask that all parents, carers and visitors to the school also maintain this one-way system at all times. Please can only one adult come on to the school site per child, as this again helps to limit the number of people on the site at any one time.

We ask that adults wear a face mask when they are on the school site (unless they have an exemption) and maintain social distancing when waiting outside classrooms at the start or end of the school day.



Children will be asked to wash their hands thoroughly repeatedly throughout the school day, something that was well established in the Autumn term. Hand sanitiser is readily available all around the school and is also used regularly. Many things that were established in the Autumn term such as all desks in the classroom facing forwards, internal one way systems, individual stationary kits for every child, well ventilated classrooms, maintaining phase bubbles at break and lunchtimes will remain strictly in place. Whole school assemblies will remain virtual and via Google Meets.

Enhanced cleaning schedules that have been in place in the Spring term will be maintained.

We are well aware that many children's wellbeing has been adversely affected by this extended absence from school and we will be working hard with all the children to re-establish positive learning habits, a growth mindset, good friendship characteristics, improving levels of concentration and general 'school craft' in this three-week period before the Easter holidays.

If the Government are able to stick to the 'Road Map' that was outlined on Monday 22nd February, we can hope, as the Summer term progresses, that family and school life will return to a semblance of normality. A situation that I am sure we are all wishing for.

It will be the last week of learning packs, live registrations and lessons next week. These will only resume if it is necessary for a child to self isolate or a class or phase bubble has to close due to a case of Covid 19. Class email addresses will remain live and can be used to make contact with class teacher if the need arises.

Once again, THANK YOU to parents for all the support that they have given to children while they have been learning at home and we look forward to working with you to ensure that the full return to school is as smooth as possible for all children.

Yours sincerely

H. L Cooke