



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in the smooth re-opening of the school fully from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children have settled back into school life, routines and repeated hand washing really well.

The staggered start and end to the school day has worked well to limit the number of people on the school site at any one time.

I now feel that it will be possible and practical to condense the start and end times of the school day, as parents are fully aware of the one-way system around the school and mainly comply with this system. Please could I ask again that even if a member of staff is not outside supervising, that **ALL** parents maintain the one-way system, even if you are running late.

These are the new start and end of school day times from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021. These revised times will mean that some parents are not having to wait up to half an hour for children in different classes to start or finish the school day.

It is really important that children arrive on time for the start of their classes school day. Learning starts as soon as the children are in and have washed their hands, so if your child is arriving at school 20 minutes after the rest of the class they have already missed important input and teaching.

KS1	Start of day	End of day		KS2	Start of day	End of day
Nursery	12.30pm	3.30pm		Garnet	8.55am	3.30pm
Amber	8.45am	3.20pm		Aquamarine	8.35am	3.10pm
Topaz	8.55am	3.30pm		Sapphire	8.45am	3.20pm
Emerald	8.35am	3.10pm		Pearl	8.45am	3.30pm
Jade	8.55 am	3.30pm		Opal	8.35am	3.20pm
Ruby	8.45am	3.20pm		Quartz	8.55am	3.40pm

Please remember that only one parent coming on to the school site to collect or drop off child, further limits the number of people accessing the site and helps us to try and prevent the spread of Covid 19.

As over the school holidays for the last year, if your child is confirmed as having Covid for up to 7 days after the end of term, please, please make contact with the school via email on [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk) as the school would still need to operate a track and trace system to inform other members of the bubble for the need to self-isolate to help stop the spread of the virus.



Please remember all parents of children in schools are entitled to access Lateral Flow Home Testing kits. These kits can be collected, without appointment, from the testing centres on Prebend Street or at The University of Bedford on Polhill Avenue. If parents use these kits, we are all helping to try and stop the spread of Covid 19 by people who may be asymptomatic. These kits are the same ones as are being used by NHS staff, secondary aged pupils in school and staff here at Edith Cavell. The instructions and information about these kits has been translated into different languages and these can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test?utm\\_source=10%20March%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test?utm_source=10%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

We have been advised that school staff should continue to undertake Lateral Flow Testing throughout the school holidays and so I would assume that parents should also continue to home test through the holidays and report the results to the NHS Track and Trace service.

Just a reminder, school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and re-opens to children on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.