



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holidays and are no doubt eager for the children to return to school on Monday!

I just wanted to remind you of a few organisational details and update you on the latest Government guidance regarding school organisation following the 16th August 2021.

- School re-opens for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year on **Monday 6th September 2021**.
- We are **no longer** operating staggered starts and end to the school day.
- The first bell will sound and classroom doors will **open at 8.45am**.
- The second bell will sound and classroom doors will **close at 8.55am**.
- If you arrive at school after the second bell at 8.55am, you will be considered **late** and must enter the school via reception at the front door of the school.
- Breakfast club will operate from 8am each morning and all sessions should be paid for and booked in advance on ParentPay.
- Face masks will not be required on the school site. It is parents right to choose if they wish to continue to wear a face covering.
- The one-way system around the school has been removed, so parents and children may move around in either direction, but we do ask everyone to be considerate at 'pinch points' around the school that are narrow.
- The school is no longer required to operate any kind of 'bubbles' and children will mix together at playtime, lunchtime, in the dining room and in assembly.
- Children will maintain rigorous and frequent hand washing throughout the school day.
- The school will maintain an enhanced cleaning routine across the whole school.
- If any child displays symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send them to school. Please arrange for them to take a PCR test and keep them at home until the result of the PCR test is received.
- If your child starts to display Covid-19 symptoms in school, we will isolate them, contact you to collect them and ask you to book a PCR test, keeping them at home until the results of that PCR test are received.
- Should a child test positive, parents should inform the school and engage with the NHS Track and Trace system to identify close contacts.
- School WILL NOT inform parents of any positive Covid-19 cases in the school.

Attached is the updated parental advice flow chart produced by Bedford Borough Council to reflect the updated national guidance from 23rd August 2021.



I will update parents further about arrangements and events that will be taking place this term in the September Newsletter in the next couple of weeks.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school next week and starting the new school year.

Yours Sincerely

H. L Cooke