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Through dynamic teaching, a highly creative curriculum and supportive environment, every Egerton child gains a passion for learning. When combined with the knowledge, skills and values they develop, we enable our children to fulfil their potential as global citizens in an ever-changing world

5 March 2021

Dear Parents,

We have done it! This lockdown more than others has brought significant challenge but we all stepped up. Partnership is sometimes an overused term but in working together we have supported the children well. The staff and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents and grandparents for the amazing support you have given your children during this time.

The staff and I are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday. All the arrangements for this were set out in my letter on Monday 1 March. It is essential that every effort is made to be punctual for drop and pick up so that bubbles do not cross over.

We are at the very start of the government's road map that details the conditions which must be met to achieve each of the milestones. This means that now, more than ever, we all have a moral responsibility to follow the rules. We must do everything to avoid another lockdown. I know many are unsure about the rules about meeting others and exercising and, in particular, playgrounds for children, so I have copied the guidance below:

Playgrounds

Playgrounds are primarily open for use by children who do not have access to private outdoor space, like their own garden. Although you can take your children to a playground for exercise, you must not socialise with other people while there.

Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with (if you are legally permitted to form one). You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area. You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason. [Stay 2 metres apart](#) from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Children must not visit each other, even if they are in the same bubble at school. If it is unavoidable that you ask another parent to pick up your child you must inform school and they must not visit your garden or enter your house or vice versa.

Lateral Flow Tests for adults at home – government guidance

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children and staff, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees

- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Test kits are not available from schools. The guidance explains how to get access to the kits and gives details of the nearest collection points. [Home Testing for Family and Childcare bubbles](#)

At present, the kits can be collected from the sites below **during the stated hours only**. Further collection points will be available soon.

Town	Venue	Times
Macclesfield	COVID-19 Test Centre SITE: LTS612 Macclesfield Commercial Road Car Park SK10 2QJ	1.30pm – 7pm Monday-Sunday
Crewe	Local Test site 121 Crewe Chester Street car park CW1 2ER	1.30pm – 7pm Monday-Sunday

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. **Children of primary school age without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.** Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Rebuilding the Curriculum

At Egerton, our approach has always been to prioritise your children’s health and emotional wellbeing so that they can feel safe, listened to and valued in a safe a creative environment that nurtures social and emotional wellbeing and learning and where relationships strengthen. This lockdown has been a very different experience to the summer lockdown. It has come with a high level of challenge due to the weather, the time of year, parents’ work commitments and sadly some families suffering bereavements.

At Egerton we believe that to flourish, we need to strike a balance between ‘head, heart and hand’ so that knowledge, wellbeing, problem solving and creativity can all influence learning. With that in mind, we have worked hard to review and refresh our approach to rebuilding the curriculum in welcoming the children back for a second time this year. All staff have been involved in training regarding this.

Our approach will be based upon a ‘recovery, reconnecting and rebuilding curriculum’ with all children attending, under strict health and safety protocols their emotional wellbeing will be our first priority. This will be focused on 4 core areas:

- Health and welfare
- Emotional wellbeing
- Sense of self-worth

- Relationships and working with others

We also have a duty to assess the children's starting points and rebuild the curriculum around this. Our priority is to support your children to reconnect with school life, to play and to refresh their learning habits by building on their experiences at home and ensure they are supported to make the very best progress they can. The whole staff team have undergone significant training during in these past weeks and are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school.



World Book Day

The children have had great fun this week celebrating the rich world of books. There have been some wonderful videos of children recommending books from authors around the world.

Class 1 had a very special treat as we managed to organise a zoom meeting with Wakanyi Hoffman, a Kenyan children's author who I met virtually when I studied for my MA in Development Education and Global Learning. We became 'talk partners', just as our children are in school. We have become firm friends and have enjoyed learning about our countries and how children learn across the world. She read to the children and answered questions about her childhood and being an author. They even created a story together.

Today has been such a lot of fun both in school and at home. We have all enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters. Mrs Poynton and Mrs Gibson were my Umpalumpas for the day! The zoom assemblies today were a real joy as children had fun dressing up at home too.



Thank you once again for all the support you have given to your children. It has been greatly appreciated by the staff and I. The parents' survey provided overwhelming support for our approach to remote learning and recognised that our school ethos served as a golden thread running through all that we did. The quality of the teachers' feedback was recognised as a key strength. They have worked tirelessly to ensure your children received this and felt connected to school. We are blessed to have such a committed and hardworking team at Egerton.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

PE days (please attend school in PE Kit)

Reception-Tuesdays

Year 1-Monday & Friday

Year 2-Monday & Thursday

Year 3-Wednesday & Friday

Year 4-Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5-Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6-Tuesday & Thursday

EGERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES 2020/21

	School Closes	School Re-opens
Easter	Thursday, 1 April 2021	Monday, 19 April 2021
May Day	Friday, 30 April 2021	Tuesday, 4 May 2021
Summer Half-Term	Friday, 28 May 2021	Monday, 7 June 2021
Summer	Friday, 16 July 2021	

INSET Days: Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July, Wednesday 21st July

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HOLIDAY DATES 2021/22

	School Closes	School Re-opens
Autumn Term		Monday, 6 September 2021
Autumn Half-Term	Friday, 22 October 2021	Tuesday, 2 November 2021
Christmas	Friday, 17 December 2021	Tuesday, 4 January 2022
Spring Half-Term	Friday, 18 February 2022	Tuesday, 1 March 2022
Easter	Friday, 1 April 2022	Tuesday, 19 April 2022
May Day	Friday, 29 April 2022	Tuesday, 3 May 2022
Summer Half-Term	Friday, 27 May 2022	Monday, 6 June 2022
Summer	Friday, 22 July 2022	

INSET Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September, Monday 1st November, Monday 28th February