

1 September 2021

Dear Parents,

Return to school – 6 September 2021

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on 6 September. Our arrangements in school last term were very tight regarding ventilation and hygiene, systems and procedures. Many of these will not change and all staff will continue to be tested twice weekly. The greatest of changes are:

- No class bubbles – children will be free to play and learn together
- Assemblies can begin again
- Furniture in classrooms can be arranged how we wish
- No staggered drop off and pick up times
- No requirement to self-isolate for those under 18 years and who have been double vaccinated.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Schools are no longer required to identify close contacts. This will be done by NHS Track and Trace. If children are identified as a close contact with someone who have tested positive for Covid they will not be required to isolate but it is advised they take a PCR test. Please continue to keep school informed of any suspected or positive cases in your family via:

admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

For more detailed information follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Drop off and Pick up Times

- The school gate will be opened at 8.40am. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on the playground from 8.45am.
- Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 can go straight into school at 8.45am. On this first day they will be met by their teachers in the Junior playground.
- At 8.55am a whistle will be blown in the Infant playground. Reception children enter via their classroom. Year 1 children line up and Year 2 children make their way around the building to their cloakroom.
- Parents leave the playground via the school car park for ease until we get used to the new normal.
- The school day ends at 3.20pm. The school gate will be opened at 3.10pm for parents to enter to pick up their children. All children should be collected by an adult unless the school have been informed otherwise eg. Some Year 6 children walk home

Egerton Parking Scheme

During the past 18 Months parents have been asked not to drive down or park on the cul-de-sac to reduce the risk to our children but also to ensure space for social distancing. This has worked brilliantly! Thank you for your co-operation. There is actually no reason to drive down the cul-de-sac as we have the Booths parking scheme in place.

- For just £20 for the year, you can park for free at drop off and pick up times in term time.
- This equates to just 10p each time
- To get your disc please call in the office for a form.

Uniform and Equipment

- All children are required to wear school uniform with sensible black shoes.
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back. No jewellery should be worn with the exception of stud ear rings and a watch. No nail varnish or temporary tattoos.
- All children with the exception of Reception and Year 1 children can come to school in their PE kit on the days of their PE lessons – these days will be shared by the teachers on Seesaw
- Homework, reading books and a water bottle are important to bring to school. All other equipment is provided by the school. If a bag is needed then please ensure it is of a reasonable size as cloakrooms will be shared and space is at a premium.
- All infant children are provided with a mid-morning snack of fruit and Reception children have milk too.
- Junior children may bring a healthy snack to school. No sweets, chocolate bars or chewing gum – these can be enjoyed out of school time.
- Mobile phones are not permitted at school.

School Lunches

- Hot lunches are provided every day by Jane Thomas, our school cook.
- Packed lunches must reflect the healthy ethos of the school and provide children with a balanced meal.
- We aim to be a nut free school as we have a number of children with this serious allergy. Please do not give your children nuts for a snack or in their lunch.

Communication

- You can contact the school via telephone 01565 213127 or the admin email address: admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk please note this new telephone number as we have updated our systems.
- I will be available throughout drop off and pick up times
- Friday newsletter will continue and will be an important source of information.
- School spider messages only used in extreme or immediate circumstances.
- Seesaw and Tapestry will continue to share and celebrate the children's learning once the term begins.

What if my child is ill?

- If your child presents with covid symptoms (even if you suspect this just to be a cold) they must not come to school and we should be informed.
- If your child is ill please inform the school before 9.30am by phone or email on the first day of absence with the reason for absence. This will be recorded on the school register.
- Children must be in school every day in term time unless they are ill.

· The law is very clear that holidays in term time are not permitted and will not be authorised.

Please note that there has been a change to the school's calendar. This is attached with this letter and will be included with every newsletter throughout the year.

Partnership is the key

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via the admin email address. I am really looking forward to seeing you all and your children on Monday 6 September. We are hoping for the good weather to continue so that the children can all play together on the school field at last.

Best wishes
Alison Hooper
Headteacher