



Egerton Primary School

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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

16 October 2020

Dear Parents,

This week Cheshire East has been deemed by the government as a high risk area.

This means:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place. *This includes giving lifts in cars as this constitutes 'close contact'.*
- If children are picked up from school by a parent of another household they must not enter their car, their house or anywhere indoors.
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with, or for youth or disability sport

- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible

You must:

- [wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated](#)

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport

Thank you for continuing to support our school in every way you can. It is the small things, that make such a difference:

- **Not driving down the cul-de-sac**
- **Wearing face masks**
- **Only one adult at drop off and pick up**
- **Being punctual – especially in bad weather**
- **Supervising your children closely at pickup**
- **Ensuring your children have what they need for their day to avoid drop offs at the school office**

Groups	Drop off time	Pick up time	Arrival Location	Pickup Location
Reception	9:00	15:00	Playground gate; Reception classroom door	Infant Playground; Reception classroom door
Year 1	8:50	15:10	Playground gate; Year 1 classroom door	Infant Playground; Y1 classroom door
Year 2	8:50	15:00	Playground gate; Year 2 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 3	9:00	15:20	Main entrance; Y3 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 4	8:50	15:10	Main entrance; Y4 classroom door	Infant Playground
Year 5	8:40	15.10	Main entrance; Y5 classroom door	Main entrance
Year 6	8:30	15:20	Main entrance; Y6 classroom	Main entrance

Attendance

Having the children back at school has been wonderful. I have to keep very careful records regarding attendance and punctuality with reasons. Every day I have to complete an online form to the DfE. This helps to contribute to the national picture. I am extremely pleased with the attendance of our children as it stands at 96.5%. You can find our attendance policy and the Covid addendum on our school website.

Parents' Evening

Sadly, due to Covid rules, we are not able to have face to face Parents' Evenings in school as we would usually do. There are some schools that are planning to try zoom meetings. However, this is not a secure platform and schools are advised against this for safeguarding reasons. However, at Egerton we have Seesaw and Tapestry that keep parents informed about their children's learning on a daily basis. Also, the teachers have always provided parents at parents' evening with very detailed notes regarding how the children have settled into their new class, their progress to date and their strengths as well as areas to work on and how parents can help at home. The teachers will be working on these during the half term break and they will be sent home on Friday 6 November. If you would require any further information or have any questions or feedback for the teachers following this then you can get in touch via: admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

Reception class – this first half term marks the start of the Egerton journey for these children. They have made an amazing start considering they could not visit us in the summer term as would be usual. Therefore, due to these exceptional times Mrs Taylor-Wattam and Miss Renton will telephone each parent to have a brief conversation. A telephone slot can be booked via a sign up list provided by the teachers.

The impact of these times

It is extremely important that we continue to learn from these difficult times for all sorts of reasons. At Egerton and across the trust we are sharing our experiences and using them to support each other and look forward in how best to support the children in their wellbeing and approach to learning.

As part of our Trust's response to COVID-19 we are working with the other schools to secure greater insight and understanding into the educational impact of COVID-19. We have created an anonymous online pupil survey to gather their views directly. There are a growing number of Academy trusts who are using the same survey and this will allow a national comparison to also be made. Please complete the survey with each of your children. **If you have not yet completed the survey I would urge you to as it supports important research.**

The survey is now live and will remain open up to the deadline of 30 October 2020. You can access the survey via the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YKVRX7R>

Once again, thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher

EGERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES 2020/21

	School Closes	School Re-opens
Autumn Half-Term	Friday, 23 October 2020	Monday, 2 November 2020
Christmas	Friday, 18 December 2020	Monday, 4 January 2021
Spring Half-Term	Friday, 12 February 2021	Monday, 22 February 2021
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