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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

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Dear Parents,

This week the Prime Minister announced that he was hopeful that all children would return to school on 8 March. Confirmation of this will not be announced until 22 February. I will certainly be in touch following this date, or before if different arrangements were to be announced. Headteachers have been informed that schools will close to key worker and vulnerable children over the February half term break.

Communication regarding Covid

Regardless of your children being at home or in school, as key worker children, if there is anyone connected to your family that experience Covid symptoms resulting in self-isolation and any positive tests school needs to be informed. I have to provide daily information to the DfE regarding all children and staff and this includes instances of self-isolation and confirmed cases of Covid. Please do this via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

Remote Learning

This week the staff and I have received a number of emails of thanks for the approach we are taking with home learning and the enriched experience regarding the breadth of the curriculum and activities as well as the feedback from the teachers. The teachers are working incredibly hard and these messages are hugely appreciated and support their wellbeing– thank you!

We would like to reciprocate by extending our thanks to you at home! The structure you are able to provide for your children that fits with your daily life supports them hugely regarding their wellbeing and their learning. You are doing a great job! **Please do what you can, when you can and please do post any completed work for the teachers to provide feedback.**

The class zoom sessions on a Tuesday and assembly on a Friday have been a great success. These will continue every week. We appreciate that it may not always be possible for your children to attend but it will always be available at those times on those days.

Resources Pick up Point

This pick up point will be available at school every day from now on. Exercise books, pencils, pens and other resources that you may find useful for home learning are available for you. Please wear a mask and maintain a 2m distance from anyone arriving at the same time.

Parents' Evening

We will be offering Parents' Evening zoom meetings starting next week. If you would prefer not to meet your child's teacher via zoom, we can arrange them to call you on the phone at your booked appointment time. We have planned this in a way that offers a range of times and days to meet the range of family circumstances in our school as well as enabling the teachers to continue with remote learning. **Spider booking forms will go live at 6pm this evening** (Friday 29th January)

Booking appointments will be organised via Spider for Tuesday and Wednesdays. However, Spider does not allow us to extend this to a third consecutive day, which is frustrating. So it would be helpful if you request a Thursday appointment only if you can't get an appointment at a suitable time on Tuesday or Wednesday or if Thursday is the only day you can meet. Thursday appointments will not be confirmed until Monday 1 February after lunch. If you wish to book an appointment on a Thursday please email Mrs McAll at admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk and she will do this for you.

These meetings will take place in the week that the teachers are not teaching the key workers groups as well as managing remote learning. Meeting dates and time slots are as follows:

Reception

Tuesday 2 February: 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 3 February: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday 4 February: 12 noon – 2.30pm (booked via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk)

Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 2 February: 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 3 February: 9.30am – 12noon AND 4pm – 7pm

Thursday 4 February: 1.30pm – 3.30pm (booked via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk)

Years 1, 2, 5 and 6

Tuesday 9 February: 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 10 February: 9.30am – 12noon AND 4pm – 7pm

Thursday 11 February: 1.30pm – 3.30pm (booked via admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk)

The following is key information:

- Appointments will be strictly 10 minutes only. Please respect this. If you wish to discuss something that you were not able to cover in that time we can arrange a follow up telephone call.
- These meetings are for parents only.
- If you would like to have a telephone call rather than zoom please book via spider and also email Mrs McAll at admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk and she will inform the teacher who will call you at your booked time.
- You will be sent a zoom invitation via email from the class teacher.
- Join the meeting for your specified appointment time even though the invitation will span a block of time eg 3 hours. The teacher will see you in the 'waiting room' and admit you when their previous meeting has ended.
- Spider bookings will go live at 6pm on Friday 29 January.

The teachers carried out detailed assessments of your children at the end of the Autumn term and can share these with you as well as how the children are progressing with remote learning. They will also provide advice on any areas that your child could usefully focus on at home. The teachers will not be issuing written notes for this parents' evening as you can see the feedback they are giving your children via Seesaw and Tapestry, unlike when the children are in school.

Enjoy your weekend!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher

