



Eastlea update - 26/6/20



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to say that we have had a very successful week and now have children in school in their class 'bubbles' with their class teacher from every year group across the school. The additional Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children who have returned to Eastlea this week were understandably nervous on their first day, but left the school smiling and were keen to return on their second day. **THANK YOU** to everyone for following our guidance in terms of arrival times, entrance/exit points, hand hygiene etc. This has ensured that things have gone smoothly and we look forward to continuing our rota of class based provision as well as support for children of key workers for the remaining 3 weeks of the school year.

The government guidance in terms of further easing the lockdown measures is very positive but we must remain cautious and continue to adopt a common sense approach to keep everyone safe. So once again we ask that if your child is attending school then:

1. If you or your child has any symptoms of the virus you must not come to school – please stay at home to self isolate and inform us immediately.
2. Only one adult per child to come onto site, please maintain social distancing of 2m from other families and **do not linger or wait for others either on the school premises or outside the gates** as this can block the entrance routes for others who are arriving.
3. Wash your hands before coming to school and when you get home. Hand sanitiser gel can also be brought in for individual use – named please.

Taking in more children

We are proud of the number of children we have managed to accommodate in school from across all year groups. In some classes we are now 'full' and in others we are almost at capacity in terms of spaces, but please talk to me if you are considering a return to school before September so that we can discuss the options.

Summer holidays

I have been approached by a few parents asking about plans for the summer and I wish to inform you that **Eastlea WILL NOT BE OPEN over the summer holidays**. This is in line with many other schools nationally and certainly in Cramlington. I hope you will agree that having worked over the Easter holidays and May half term week the staff need a break!

We will be advised about plans for September in the coming weeks and very much hope that the government's aim of having all children back in all classes full time will be in place by then. There will no doubt be much to sort out linked to this and as always we will keep you informed of any further details.

Summer Free School Meal Vouchers

Further information was released yesterday about the systems for ordering the Summer Food Fund vouchers. Once this is completed I will email the families concerned so they know what to expect.

Hope Centre support

Last week I mentioned the breakfast, lunch or supper '**Grab a bag**' scheme which is up and running from outside the Hope Centre in Cramlington.

In addition to this the **school uniform 'clothing bank'** is open **Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm** for anyone who requires it. *(We are still awaiting the arrival of the bulk uniform order in school and will let you know when items are available.)*

Sunny weather

I know we can never be sure of sunshine from week to week or even day to day...but if the weather is sunny and hot like it has been this week then please can you remember to apply **sun cream** and provide a **cap/sunhat** for your child on the days they are in school. In an effort to create some shady spots outside we have purchased 4 large gazebos which the children have enjoyed using this week.

Please continue to take care and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

