



Eastlea countdown to full reopening

21/8/20...12 days to go!



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a hectic week it has been in terms of 'education' generally since my last update. For any directly involved with older children receiving 'GCSE', 'A' level or BTEC results it must have been a very difficult time. At Eastlea we have had a quieter week – Chris has taken a well earned break and **now there are only 12 days to go before we welcome back all pupils in all classes on Wednesday 2nd September.** This will be a shorter 'countdown to reopening' update but includes two pieces of important information.

Re-open Day

Plans are continuing for our '**Eastlea Re-open Day**' on **Thursday 27th August from 10am – 2pm**. I know this will be an important opportunity for as many children/families as possible to pop in during the day to see what their classroom will look like for September, meet their teacher, see which door they will come in/ go out of and find out a little more about the plans for the start of term – both in the classroom and for breaks and lunchtimes. There will be an updated 'yes please, no thanks' document available for parents/carers to collect on this day so that everything is clear for the start of term and we hope this will go a long way to ensuring a smooth transition back into school for all of the children.

As I said last week, we will not be able to host everyone if you all come together, so would ask that you plan to pop in at a time convenient to you and do not come with friends all at once! Please bear with us if we have to ask you to wait a short while if we are overcrowded! For those who are unable to attend, then we will post the start of term information on the website/Facebook page and via Seesaw/Tapestry so that everyone is clear of the expectations.

Seesaw and Tapestry

Class teachers will be continuing to make use of **Tapestry (Early Years)** and **Seesaw (Year 1 upwards)**.

- For parents of pupils who were in Nursery last year then there will be no change to the Tapestry information – the communication will continue as before for **Nursery** and those moving to **Reception**.
- For all other pupils we need to update Seesaw so that children are linked to their new classes/teachers. **Most parents don't need to do anything!** Miss Betham will be updating the system over the weekend and we hope that by early next week each child will be 'in their new class'.
- For pupils who were in **Reception last year (the new Year 1)** – the email address which we used for Tapestry will be used to get parents started on Seesaw. Please watch out for an email from Seesaw which you will need to activate your parent account. If you already have children in other year groups you can just add your Year 1 child to your family group.
- If there are any queries with how to activate your account (new to Year 1 pupils, or the few who did not activate it last year) or any changes to email address details in general then please send an email to Miss Betham via eastleasesaw@gmail.com and she will do her best to sort things out for you (but bear with us because this is the first time we have tried to do this!)
- Each class makes use of Seesaw in a slightly different way so please do not worry about how children can post messages etc – this will all be explained to them in September. However, your child's new class teacher will probably send them a 'welcome message' before the open day as this will be a good way to start the channel of communication.

And finally...just a thought

Before their return to Eastlea it might be an idea to start the process of getting your child(ren) back into 'school routines' in terms of bedtimes and getting up times!! It will be a shock to the system for all of us!

We are very much looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible on the open day next Thursday! See you then!

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

