



As we again prepare to welcome everyone back full time in all classes the systems we had in place from September will be resumed to ensure that as far as we can we will keep everyone as safe as possible.

These routines worked before and were well supported by parents/pupils so we know that they can be effective again. Plus, we have the added security that more and more vulnerable people in the wider Eastlea community are starting to be vaccinated; and a robust system of twice weekly Covid testing for Eastlea staff is in place and has worked successfully since January.

**We thought it might be helpful to remind you about some of the measures that are in place for the safety of pupils, parents and staff.**

- **each year group will continue to be in their own class 'bubble'** and contact with other class groups will be minimised wherever possible
- desks/tables are arranged so that where possible **pupils will sit facing the front and are side to side with their peers** rather than sitting face to face
- **washing hands** will be done regularly and thoroughly; use of **hand sanitisers** is encouraged with sanitiser stations at all entry points
- **windows /doors are open for ventilation** and to ensure airflow throughout the building which minimises transmission risks
- **arrival/departure times will remain staggered**, entry points/gates are targeted to certain year groups and **face coverings** are worn by all adults when dropping off/collecting children
- **break times** are arranged so that only 2 year groups are out at a time – children will play in separate playground and/or field zones supervised by year group staff with their own class based sets of equipment
- lessons will be class based where possible and **movement for pupils will be minimised in school** – e.g. *they will mainly be in their classroom, computer room or dining hall during the day*
- timetabling of the **Computer Room** will ensure that only one class accesses the suite in either a morning or afternoon session so cleaning can be arranged between groups
- Each class (Rec to Y6) will have **PE lessons outside where possible or in the well ventilated hall – with carefully chosen sports/activities which minimise contact between pupils.**
- **classes will eat their lunch at designated class tables in the dining hall and timings have been staggered** as before. The cooks will wear visors while they are serving the meals and kitchen staff/lunchtime supervisors will clear trays and cutlery. Additional lunchtime supervision will be provided by class based staff.
- there will still be **no face to face whole school gatherings** – we will continue to have our weekly Friday 'zoom' assemblies so the children can see the other classes 'virtually' each week
- **specialist input for classes or groups/individuals will continue following the guidelines we have been given**, e.g. *French from Mme Taylor, music from Miss Smith and the Rocksteady tutor, PE from Mr Rhodes and the Next Generation coaches etc.*
- **Clubs will resume** where we can, led by staff/coaches/specialists and will initially cater for 2 year groups at a time – they will work alongside each other rather than in a mixed class group
- **increased cleaning routines will be continued**
- visitors to school are kept to an absolute minimum – these are by appointment only
- **Anyone with symptoms of Covid should not attend school.**
- Standard protocols will be followed **if anyone develops symptoms while at Eastlea** – parents will be contacted to arrange immediate collection and advice given for the household to self-isolate pending the outcome of a PCR Covid test.
- **If a class bubble has to close** and anyone else is required to self-isolate you will be informed as soon as possible by school, and remote learning will be provided again for those affected.