

# Eastlea update - 29/5/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday evening, as I am sure you are aware, the Government explained that the 5 tests for adjusting lockdown had been met. This means that our outline plans to continue to provide places for the children of key workers/vulnerable families as well as welcoming back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be able to go ahead from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Reminders about the new routines

In the letter shared on Wednesday full details outlining the new schedules which will be in place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> were outlined, together with a 'yes please, no thanks' summary checklist. These letters can be found on the school website, but here are a few reminders if your child is going to be in school next week:

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. Please use the allocated gates/entrance points at the times indicated – see below:

Class/group	Arrival time	Gate	Hometime
Reception	9.00am	Main gate	3.00pm
Year 1	9.00am	Newer side gate	3.00pm
Year 6	8.45am	Main gate	3.15pm
Key workers/ vulnerable	8.45am	Newer side gate	3.15pm

3. Please maintain social distancing of 2m from other families and do not linger on the school premises. Wash your hands before coming to school and when you get home.
4. School uniform is needed for all pupils and for those staying all day a packed lunch/drink is required. Sweatshirts/coats/hats will be needed as windows will be open for ventilation and pupils may be outside more often. If the sunny weather continues please apply suncream (if appropriate).
5. No reading folders/bags/books/pencil cases are needed – we must limit the number of items 'travelling' between home and school.

## Cleaning and hygiene

I would like to note and thank everyone involved in school for the hard work in ensuring that, as far as we can, Eastlea is clean and ready to welcome back a larger number of pupils from next week. Chris and the team of cleaners (as well as many other staff members) have worked incredibly hard to 'deep clean' everywhere and will continue to do this in the days and weeks going forwards.

## Looking further ahead

I know many children/families in other year groups are now keen to know when they may be able to consider returning to school. As yet there is no further guidance on this. We are still working on plans for Nursery and will be in touch with those parents next week, but there is no more information yet about when Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5 pupils may be able to start to come back. Work for all pupils who are not in school will continue to be provided by staff using Tapestry/Seesaw and/or paper based packs.

## Northumberland County Council information

Cath McEvoy-Carr (Executive Director of Children's Services) has asked schools to share a letter with parents which also contains a message from Liz Morgan (Director of Public Health). This is now on our school website (Coronavirus Closure Information section/Eastlea updates during closure).

## Home Office Prevent Digital Safety Advice For Schools and Parents

We have also received an email from Ian Drummond (Counter Terrorism Policing North East) asking us to share an updated document with local contact information to support Parents/Carers in the event they have a concern. The **DIGITAL SAFETY DURING COVID-19 NORTHUMBERLAND** document is on the school website – in the Coronavirus Closure Information section (Online safety support).

Please remain cautious to minimise the spread of infection and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

