



# Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

## Our Governing Body

I am delighted to inform everyone that we have six new governors joining our Governing Body. We welcome two new Parent Governors, three Co-opted Governors and a Local Authority Governor.

Information about our Governing Body is available on our School Website. As parents, you are more likely to know our Parent Governors so here are a few reminders of their role and what to expect from them.

### A Parent Governor is a representative.

As parents, you may share your opinions and views on the way the school is run to a Parent Governor. However, it is not a parent governors' responsibility to change the day to day running of a school. Governors have a strategic role and not a day to day operational role.

### Majority Rules

Do not expect Parent Governors to have overall responsibility. We have a **Governing Body**. Strategic decisions are made after discussion and a vote.

### Not the place for individual concerns

Please do not take individual concerns you have about your own children to Parent Governors. Parent Governors do not have the responsibility to respond to individual issues. Parent Governors' role with the Governing Body is to make sure policies are fit for purpose and these are communicated well to everyone.

### Confidentiality

Parent Governors will not disclose to parents any confidential matters. Please do not place parent governors in this position.

## Harvest Festival

Due to the current Pandemic, we will not be able to celebrate the Harvest as we usually do with all classes performing songs and sharing readings in our school hall for everyone to hear. Instead, each class will record a song in their own Bubbles which will be combined together as a school and saved on a CD for you to purchase at a small cost. **Please e-mail school with the Heading 'Harvest Festival' and let us know your child's name, if you do not want your child to be recorded for this purpose by FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.** Parents will be able to order a CD by paying £3 via parent pay - we will let you know when this is possible.

## Parents Evening for Deer Class Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October

Individual parents' evenings have now been completed for Stag Class and this week, Squirrel Class. Most parents have preferred a telephone conversation but for those of you who would like a 'virtual face to face' meeting then this can be arranged.

If you have a child in Deer Class and having a meeting via TEAMS is something you would be interested in, please e-mail us at [edmondsley@durhamlearning.net](mailto:edmondsley@durhamlearning.net) with the following details.

- title the e-mail **Deer Parents' Evening**
- include **Name of your Child, Name of Parent**, and preferred **e-mail address to be contacted with**.

If you prefer to have a telephone conversation, please let us know either by phone or e-mail.

You will then be contacted the usual way via text message to choose a convenient time.

Your child's class teacher will then send an e-mail invite to you if you are choosing to meet via TEAMS

### **PLEASE NOTE**

- Continue to phone school 0191 3710443 with queries or concerns, **do not use** the teacher's e-mail.

**Do not use** Teachers individual e-mail to contact them. Please continue to use the school account [edmondsley@durhamlearning.net](mailto:edmondsley@durhamlearning.net) Any e-mails from parents to Teachers' professional accounts will be forwarded to the school e-mail address.

## Packed Lunch Policy

In the current situation, it is even more important for children to eat healthily. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of parts of our Packed Lunch Policy which is available from our school website.

Food which contributes to a healthy diet:

- Yoghurts and cheese
- At least two pieces of fruit and/or vegetables
- Healthy sandwich fillings, eg cheese, tuna, ham, chicken.
- Pasta

Only **1** of these items:

- A small chocolate biscuit
- Small cake

Have you thought of trying these?

- Raisins or other dried fruit
- Crackers
- Pasta
- Cheese
- Soup (in a flask)
- Breadsticks

These items are **not** allowed:

- Drinks - Fizzy drinks, squash or fruit juice. (All children will be provided with water - like the children who have school lunches)
- Crisps
- Sweets
- Chocolates bars
- Yoghurts with sweets in them
- Chocolate spread in sandwiches
- Nuts of any description

Some great lunchbox fillings at Edmondsley ...



## Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy was relaxed at the beginning of term so that children came to school every day with clean clothes on. I have been super impressed that almost all children were able to continue to wear a freshly washed school jumper every day - it really does promote a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging.

We will continue with the current guidelines of ...

- Children must wear freshly washed school uniform to school each day
- 'School uniform' includes a polo shirt (with or without school logo) or school sweatshirt. School trousers or skirt or your child's own jogging bottoms/leggings.

## Jewellery, Make-up and Nails

### Uniform Policy

Our policy regarding Jewellery, make-up and nails has NOT changed. Our Uniform policy, states the following...

"On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance and children's medical identification needs. To enable children to fully access the broad curriculum we provide at Edmondsley, we do not allow children to wear false finger nails or wear nail varnish as this can become a distraction in class. Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up as this also can become a distraction to learning."

### Jewellery Policy

Our Jewellery policy state the following,

"The Governors of Edmondsley Primary School have agreed, for reasons of health and safety, it is the policy of the school that no jewellery should be worn by pupils during the school day. "Jewellery" refers to earrings, rings, bracelets, neck chains and pendants.

Wearing of jewellery can result in tearing or piercing of flesh. There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc. There is a risk to other people/children especially at playtimes and PE lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person/child.

There is a risk of injury to the wearer from removing tape used to cover jewellery if the tape pulls the jewellery as it is removed. Some people/children can have an allergic reaction to plasters or adhesive tape and this needs to be considered.

Jewellery may be worn if required for medical reasons and small objects of religious significance, which must be removed before any physical activity including playtimes and lunchtimes. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. In these circumstances parents/carers must apply in writing to the Head teacher."

As we have now adjusted to coming back to school, children are beginning to wear earrings. These must be removed this week. Parents will be reminded via TEXT if children continue to wear earrings.

The full policies are available on our School website.

## **Trialling Assignments on Teams in Year 2 to Year 6**

Teachers from Year 2 to Year 6 will set your children a task using TEAMS the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October. This is obviously a new system for everyone to use but we hope it will have many benefits. We anticipate that any issues either yourselves or our teachers experience can be resolved so that the system works smoothly in the future.

If you have not yet accepted the terms, please contact Mrs Haswell in our School Office who will be able to help.

## **Term Dates 2020/2021**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Date re-opens</b>
Summer 2020	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Thursday 3rd September 2020
Autumn half-term 2020	Thursday 22nd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Monday 4th January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12th February 2021	Tuesday 23rd February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Monday 12th April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	To be confirmed

**PD Days. These are days where school is closed for pupils.**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Educational Visits**

School Educational Visits will not be taking place in the Autumn Term. We feel that taking your children out of our School Bubbles is an unnecessary risk at the moment.