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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Dear parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further to my letter last week I would like to outline the procedures which are in place. Most of which you will now be familiar with.

### **Uniform**

- Children must wear freshly washed school uniform to school each day
- 'School uniform' includes a polo shirt (with or without school logo) or school/own sweatshirt. School trousers or skirt or your child's own jogging bottoms/leggings. As the warmer weather still has yet to return and our classes are well ventilated, please ensure your child dresses warmly.
- PE kit - Your child's class teacher will text you with information regarding which day your child will need to come into school wearing his/her PE kit. This is likely to consist of Jogging bottoms, t-shirt and jumper – please remember that school is well ventilated. Jumpers can be removed during the PE lesson.
- Jewellery. We are so fortunate to have such extensive grounds at Edmondsley where children can be physically active during lunchtimes and playtimes. Please remove ear-rings if your child is wearing them as we do not want your child to be injured.

### **Cleaning in school**

Additional cleaning will continue in school throughout the school day.

### **Arrival and home time arrangement**

To help you to adhere to social distancing guidelines, start and end times to the school day have been staggered once again. Please ensure you arrive at your allocated time, no earlier or later please. If you have more than one child, please choose either time. Parents should not congregate outside of classrooms or our school gate as this makes people in our school community feel unsafe.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Start Time</u></b>	<b><u>End Time</u></b>
<b>Early Years Foundation Stage</b>		
Nursery Caterpillar Class	8:50 – 9:00	*See below for half day sessions
Reception Butterfly Class	8:50 – 9:00	2:50 – 3:00
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
Year 1	9:00 – 9:10	3:10
Year 2	9:00 – 9:10	3:10
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
Year 3/4 Rabbit Class	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 4/5 Deer Class	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 5/6 Stag Class	8:50 – 9:00	3:20

\*If your child is attending Nursery full day Monday, full day Tuesday and Wednesday morning the end times are as follows:

- Monday – 2:50-3:00
- Tuesday – 2:50-3:00
- Wednesday – 11:30 (no lunch in school) Please collect your child from the Nursery Building by entering school via the lower gate and walking directly to the Nursery. Please follow social distancing guidelines.

If your child is attending Nursery Wednesday afternoon, full day Thursday and full day Friday the end times are as follows:

- Wednesday 12:30 (no lunch in school) Please enter via the lower gate and walk directly to the Nursery. Please follow social distancing guidelines.
- Thursday – 2:50-3:00
- Friday - 2:50-3:00

### **Entering School**

Enter our school site via the lower or top gate as usual (Please do not use the driveway). Please immediately walk your child towards the school building and to the outdoor classroom entrances.

All children, except in year 2, will enter our school building using the doors which lead directly into their classrooms. Children will be welcomed by their teachers. Children in Year 2 will enter the school building by the Key Stage 1 entrance as their class does not have a direct door leading from their class to outside.

Parents are expected to leave the school site immediately. Please do not congregate.

- Pupils must be accompanied to school each morning and collected each evening by one adult
- Pupils, parents/carers must maintain social distancing when entering the school site.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school building.

### **Class Bubbles**

Your child will continue to form a bubble with the rest of the children in his/her class and the staff in the class too. Deer Class, made up of Year 4 and Year 5 children will make one Bubble. Stag Class with Year 5 and Year 6 children will make another Bubble. Nursery and Reception children will make one Bubble etc. They will remain in this bubble at all times. Children will not be able to move between or socialise with other bubbles.

Not only have we put staggered arrival and home times in place, but playtimes and lunchtimes will operate so that children from one bubble do not come into contact with children from another bubble. We are lucky that we have such a vast amount of space available to us at Edmondsley.

### **Water bottles**

Water bottles will be returned home each afternoon. Please ensure these are cleaned thoroughly and topped up with water for the following day.

### **School bags/belongings**

School bags will not be required as your child only needs to bring their water bottle.

### **School Lunches**

Taylor Shaw, the company who provides our school lunches will continue to do this.

If you prefer your child to have a packed lunch, this can be brought into school in a lunchbox. All leftovers will be thrown away. Please thoroughly wash your child's lunchbox before it returns the following day.

### **Breakfast Club**

Unfortunately we do not have the space or the staffing requirements to provide Breakfast Club. As Breakfast Club is made up of children from across all year groups, we are unable to supervise these children in their own Class Group Bubbles.

### **After School Clubs**

Again, unfortunately, all clubs will not be able to run until further notice.

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are to be worn by all adults who are able, including any siblings from Secondary Schools who are bringing or collecting children.

In primary schools, it is recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.

This remains in place until at least Easter.

### **Lateral Flow Device Tests**

Testing is now available to all staff. The aims of this are:

- To detect asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 to prevent onwards transmission of the virus in the education settings on full return
- To promote sustained routine asymptomatic COVID-19 testing twice per week in adults and older children as part of the system of controls to reduce the risk of virus transmission in the longer term

We are really looking forward to having your children return to school. It has been an exhausting few months for everyone. If you have been collecting milk bottle tops and taken part in the quad competition by drawing some suggestions of what our quad should look like, please feel free to bring them to school next week. I am very much looking forward to re-establishing our school community and teamwork ethos and these small things will help.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries and we will do our best to support you and your family.

Best wishes

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