



15 July 2020

Reopening of Earith Primary School

Dear Parents,

The following arrangements have been established in light of the current guidance which is due to be reviewed on 11th August. I will seek to communicate with you shortly after this date with any amendments as per government and Active Learning Trust advice.

Reopening Date & Attendance

School will reopen on **Monday 7th September (unless your child is in Year R and has been given a different start date)**. Children are expected to attend full time. Attendance will be closely monitored and subsequent actions put in place for non-attendance.

Staggered Start & Finish Times

In order to ease congestion and support social distancing, the following start and finish times will be in place. Please drop off your child at the side door to their new classroom and collect them at the following times:

Year: 4, 5 & 6	Banksy Class:	8:40 am & 3:15 pm
Year 2 & 3	Dali Class:	8:45 am & 3:10 pm
Year 1 pupils	Dali & Picasso class:	8:50 am & 3:05 pm
Year R	Picasso Class:	9:00 am & 3:00 pm

If you have children in more than one class, we will be flexible with these times. You will not be turned away and we will, of course, look after your children until you arrive.

Break Time & Lunch Provision

Due to the size of the grounds, it is possible for us to have break and lunchtime at the same time in three separate areas. We are also able to eat together in the Hall in allocated bubble/class areas and will operate a slightly staggered start time to avoid any congregation. We are hopeful that hot school dinners will resume by September. If they do not, there will be a school packed lunch option. Staff, including myself, are doing extra break time and lunchtime duties in order to supervise individual class bubbles at break and lunch.

Access to the School Site

Please do not drive onto the school grounds. Enter, by foot, through the green gate. Walk around the school – one-way traffic only – dropping off your child and exit back out via the green side-gate by Pre-School, over the grass/drive and back out the entrance gate.

Two metre markings are on the ground outside the classes in the event that you need to queue.

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If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, you can have a quick, informal chat at the door, or you can call the office to arrange a phone call or email any queries you may have. Access to the office/foyer is allowed, but only if it is vital. Again, you can call or email the school office.

Parents are not allowed into the classrooms.

One parent per pupil to collect/drop off to avoid unnecessary numbers on site please.

Do not congregate

We have worked tirelessly since the 2nd June to ensure that children from different bubbles do not mix with each other, every day, in school. Please support us with this by ensuring that you enter and exit the site swiftly, without congregating, on the school grounds. Do not allow your child to mix with other children if they are not in their **class bubble next year**. If you are unsure, just ask a member of staff, or exercise caution by not allowing it.

School Uniform:

Please send your child in full school uniform each day. There is no longer any regulations on how often/when it needs to be cleaned. Wearing full uniform will help our pupils to re-connect and establish their sense of community, belonging, value and purpose. I firmly believe it helps children to make positive choices, too. Your child will be praised for wearing it and looking smart. For those of you that have seen me over the past few months, will have noticed that my 'uniform' has lapsed, too. Either because of having to wear clean clothes each day, or to support the children in different activities I have been involved in, in school – not being allowed to wear a tie has certainly been odd. I have the same expectations on staff and myself to look smart following their return in September.

Equipment & Classrooms

Children are allowed to bring into school coats, PE kits, book bags, water bottles etc and can borrow books from the school library/class to take home. Please just keep it to the essentials only e.g. no toys from home. We will provide children with their own pencil, pens etc in school.

Classrooms will be setup to support social distancing in-line with the 1 metre rule that will apply from September.

Face Masks/PPE

If you wish your child to wear a face mask on the journey to and from school, please ensure that they bring in a plastic bag and put it inside whilst they are in school.

Enhanced Cleaning/Hygiene Regimes:

It is not necessary for children to bring in their own hand gel. We have a supply of this in school. However, handwashing with soap is much more effective. We ensure this happens throughout the day as part of our daily routine and the children, as I'm sure those that have remained at home, are very accustomed to it already.

Children will be asked to wash their hands with soap on arrival and at multiple points throughout the day. Class bubbles have their own toilets and one child goes in at a time. Toilets and door handles are cleaned at multiple points throughout the day on a rota. Teachers will spray and wipe tables throughout the day. Resources are cleaned, or quarantined for an appropriate amount of time according to the surface spread times.

Curriculum

We will use both formative – and where & when we feel appropriate – summative assessment in order to gauge where are children are at with their learning and work on teaching to any gaps accordingly. However, our biggest priority upon return will be offering our children a broad and balanced curriculum, which will pay particular attention to core subjects, but will be responsive to the emergent social, emotional and mental health needs of all the young people in our care.

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Illness

Extract from NHS website:

'Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Stay at home (self-isolate) – do not leave your home or have visitors. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also self-isolate.
- Get a test – get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, should also get a test if they have symptoms.'

Please liaise with the school office if your child has any symptoms

On 2nd June, we successfully reopened following an extensive risk assessment. This process has once again, taken place following the increase in pupil numbers for September.

I understand that some of you may feel nervous about sending your child back to school, but I hope that this letter has gone some way in alleviating some of those concerns. Rest assured, your child's safety is my number one concern.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Abbs
Head Teacher

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