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Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to say that our first week back in school has gone smoothly. The children are back where they belong and have adjusted well to the changes we have been forced to make. Thank you for using the allocated gates and for socially distancing

A copy of our whole school risk assessment can be found in the Covid-19 section of the website and will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

Although, most things have run smoothly, there will be minor changes made to our logistics on a week-by-week basis to help make school as safe as it can be for children, families and staff.

Please bear with us as guidance changes and if we need to put any new control measures in place.

Thank you for your patience, your on-going support and for helping to make the children's return a success. Over 97% of our Y1 to Y6 pupils were in school on Friday.

Thank you all for your understanding, kind words of encouragement and positivity last week. You have helped to lift the spirits of all the staff during these unusual times.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

Owls before and after school club

Owls before and after school club has re-opened safely today and there are control measures in place to ensure everyone's safety.

The timings have not changed:

Start time from 0730hrs

End time until 1800hrs

Children will be taken to Owls at the end of the school day by a member of staff.

Please contact Mrs Richards on 07432116660 to book a place as numbers are limited.

PE Kit and Uniform

We have reviewed our uniform policy and made one minor change regarding PE kit.

We now ask that children wear their PE kits all day on the days that they have PE or if they have chosen a sporting Skills Academy Club.

Following a letter sent out last week, notifying parents of a new school kit supplier, I would like to stress PE kit **does not** have to have the school logo.

We would prefer PE kit to be black and white only. We recognise that you may have already bought kit for this year, so we are not expecting anyone to replace existing kit.

Black and white PE kit will be compulsory for all year groups **from September 2021. Uniform and PE kit with school logos will not be compulsory.**

Full guidance and links to suppliers can be found on the school website.

<https://www.ernesfordgrangecoventry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ernesford-Grange-Primary-School-Uniform.pdf>

Changes to Risk Assessment and Logistics

I would like to remind everyone that the school start times outlined on the re-opening letter are the times that the children should be in the classroom and settled for registration.

Classroom doors will be open 10 minutes before the actual start time for each year group. This should help with limiting the numbers on site at any one time. As soon as you have dropped your child off or collected your child, we ask that you leave the school site as soon after as possible to ensure social distancing is possible.

Please see the table on page 2 for timings.

Important notice for parents of children in 1S

The area outside the classroom is small and the paths are narrow near the Y1 doors. When you drop off and collect your children, could you please use the KS1 playground. There is no need to wait on the path or outside the door. This will help with social distancing and avoid crowding.

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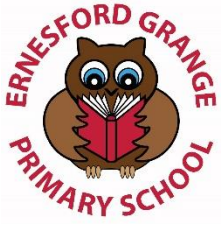
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No Excuse for Abuse

We are very grateful for the overwhelming support received from parents regarding re-opening school. I would like to make parents aware that things will inevitably change as guidance changes and to bear with us when these changes occur.

I would like to thank all the parents who have made positive suggestions about improving the logistics for entering and exiting the school site and we have taken on board your suggestions and made logistical changes accordingly.

We ask for your continued support and patience during these tricky times and we ask that you consider the well-being of our staff when you are talking to them. Shouting at members of school staff is simply not acceptable.

These are challenging times for everyone and whilst we are always open to constructive feedback and here to listen to concerns, unconstructive and continuous complaining is not welcome or helpful to anyone. Abusive or threatening behaviour will certainly not be tolerated.



The New School Day

As mentioned above, the doors will be **open 10 minutes before** registration. This ten-minute window will help with social distancing in the busier areas of school. The children should be in their classrooms and settled for registration by the time stated.

Year group	Doors Open	Registration	Home time
Little Owls	0820	Various	Various
Nursery am	0820	0830	1130
Nursery pm	1220	1230	1530
Reception	0835	0845	1500
Year 1	0850	0900	1515
Year 2	0840	0850	1505
Year 3	0830	0840	1500
Year 4	0835	0845	1505
Year 5	0845	0855	1515
Year 6	0830	0840	1500



Google Classroom

Now that all the children have google classroom accounts, we have decided to continue to use google classroom whenever possible for setting and receiving homework.

Children from Y1 to Y6 will receive weekly homework tasks for English and maths and will be given topic-based homework projects at various points in the year.

This will help with limiting the number of books and worksheets used that could cause cross-contamination of Covid-19.

There may be times when google classroom is not appropriate, depending on the nature of the homework task/activity.

If you have any technical issues with using google classroom or you do not have access to a device, please let your child's class teacher know so we can make alternative arrangements.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Saunders!

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Saunders on Friday who has decided to follow a new and exciting career path. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Saunders who has helped so many children and has fulfilled many different roles over a twelve-year period. I would also like to thank Mrs Saunders for her commitment, enthusiasm and positivity in all aspects of school life. You shall be missed by us all!