

Ernesford Grange

Primary School

Monday 20th September 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to say that our first two weeks back in school have run smoothly. The children are back where they belong and have adjusted well to the changes as restrictions continue to ease and school life gradually begins to return to normal.

This term, children will continue to have limited contact with others outside of their year group and parts of the school day will continue to be staggered. However, year groups/bubbles no longer need to close should children or staff be in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

However, should we have multiple cases of Covid within school, we would have to implement an outbreak management plan which would result in additional restrictions such as returning to bubbles.

As you are aware we have already had several positive cases within school amongst children and staff. We continue to urge you to be cautious and test children if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid.

We also ask that you are cautious and do not send your child(ren) to school if they have symptoms of Covid or/and are awaiting a Covid test result.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

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.

We appreciate your support as we continue to phase out PE kit that is not in line with the school uniform.

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

<https://ernesfordgrangeprimary.com/wp-content/uploads/Ernesford-Grange-Primary-School-Uniform.pdf>

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 are as follows:

Start time from 0730hrs

End time until 1730hrs

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

An online booking form will be sent out every Wednesday morning for you to book places in Owls on a pay as you go basis should you require to do so.

The cost for the before and after school club is as follows:

Morning Session: £6.00

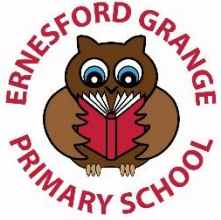
Evening Session: £8.00

Late Collection Fee: £10.00

A Nut-Free Ernesford Grange Primary School

I would like to remind everyone that we have several children with nut allergies at school and contact with peanuts could be life threatening for these children. We would really appreciate it if you refrained from sending children to school with peanut butter, Nutella and cereal bars that contain nuts, particularly peanuts





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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.

As professionals, no member of staff would shout, swear or be abusive towards any parents of our school community. Shouting at members of school staff is simply not acceptable.

Our school office and admin team are here to take phone calls and messages and they work hard to ensure communication between parents and teaching staff is effective. They are not here to be spoken to aggressively or abusively about school related issues.

These continue to be challenging times for schools and despite the media suggesting that schools can return to normal, the local position states that some restrictions and mitigations remain in place.

We are always open to constructive feedback and here to listen to concerns however, unconstructive and continuous complaining is not welcome or helpful to anyone. Abusive or threatening behaviour will certainly not be tolerated.

NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE!

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.

We will not tolerate behaviour that is:



We will take action when necessary.

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Safeguarding



At Ernesford Grange Primary School ensuring our children stay safe is our biggest priority.

All staff at EGPS have now received safeguarding and keeping children safe in education training and our new policy is in place and available in the policies section of our website.

If you have any safeguarding or pastoral concerns and wish to speak to a member of staff, Mrs Skelton-Morris is our school safeguarding lead. You could also contact our SENCo Mrs Evans who works as part of our inclusion team.

If you would like any family support, the nearest family hub is Middle Ride, Coventry, CV3 2HN, 02476788430.



Google Classroom

It is unlikely that schools will have to close again but we would like to continue to use Google Classroom to help the children make up for some of the learning the missed due to the school closures.

This year we will revert to paper-based homework but will post additional project work and catch-up work on Google Classroom. We will notify your children when additional work is posted on Google Classroom.



Crisp Packet Recycling



This year, in attempt to teach the children about the importance of recycling and the effects of pollution on our planet, we have signed up to a crisp packet recycling scheme.

Recycling boxes have been placed in all areas of school for children to recycle their empty crisp packets. The school will even **receive money** back when the crisp packets are collected!

You can help by saving any empty crisp packets you have at home and bringing them to school.



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Key dates for the diary 2021 - 2022	
Wednesday 13 th October	Virtual parent teacher consultation evening
Thursday 14 th October	Virtual parent teacher consultation evening
Wednesday 20 th October	Y2 Pirate Day
Thursday 21 st October	Y6 Trip to Coventry Cathedral
Friday 22 nd October	Half Term begins
Monday 1 st November	Children return to school
Friday 17 th December	Term ends
Monday 1st November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Children return to school
Friday 18th February	INSET Day
Friday 18 th February	Half Term Begins
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school
Friday 8 th April	Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 25 th April	Children return to school
Friday 27th May	INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Half term begins
Monday 6 th June	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Last Day of Summer Term
Monday 25th July	INSET Day

*Key dates for the diary will be updated as events are booked.

Schoolgateway



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It is essential that you download the School Gateway App to make sure you receive school messages, updates and letters direct to your mobile phone. Download the App from the App store. Input your email address that is on your contact form. To request a PIN click forgotten PIN. Then enter your mobile number. If this does not work, you must contact the school office to check that your details match your details on our system.

You may have changed your email address, mobile number, or both. In this instance, we will need to update your details so you can register.

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