



## Ely St Mary's C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot wait until Monday to see all the children in schools. The school is looking great, and we are ready to get learning. We do not underestimate the different emotions that families will be feeling, and we understand that Monday is going to be a milestone in your child's school journey. We will be on duty to help, and will do our utmost to support you should you need any assistance.

Enjoy the weekend, and do take a moment to reflect on the last 6 months. Whether you have been home-schooling, or are a key worker, you have done an incredible job, and we are appreciative of everything you have done. We are taking the next step together and, as a community, we will ensure success for all our children.

Before we get back, here are some very last reminders and notices:

### Additional Information from Cambridgeshire County

Please find a link to additional information about returning to school which has been sent out by CAMBRIDGESHIRE, and which you may find useful.

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/Welcome-Back-to-School.pdf>

### Face Coverings

Adult visitors to school are requested to wear a mask whilst in the building. Children should be assisted with removing face coverings before coming into school and these should be stored in a plastic bag or container until they go home.

### Start of the day

Year 3 – please use the **MAIN PEDESTRIAN GATE NEAR THE CAR PARK**. Parents to drop off at classroom door and then leave via the car park gates.

NB it is likely to be busy, so please observe social distancing as much as you can. We do appreciate that the first morning can be hard for everyone, but a quick goodbye is by far the very best way to have a positive start. We are confident that, within a short space of time, your child will be settled. If your child is upset, we will call you to let you know they are okay, so you can get on with your day.

Year 4 – please use the **MAIN PEDESTRIAN GATE NEAR THE CAR PARK**. Parents to drop off at the classroom door and then leave by following the one-way system around the back of Year 6. Please note that there will be children coming down from the top playground so if you could keep to the POD side of the playground before leaving via the two exits on the top playground (NB there is no exit via the gate by my office).

**IF YOU HAVE OLDER SIBLINGS PLEASE SEND THEM VIA THE ONE-WAY ROUTE AROUND THE BACK OF YEAR 6 TO THEN ENTER INTO THEIR CLASSES.**

Year 5 – please use the **VEHICLE ACCESS GATE** on the top playground and allow your child to make their own way down to their classes. Parents to exit using the two exit gates on the top playground.

Year 6 - please use the **VEHICLE ACCESS GATE** on the top playground and allow your child to make their own way down to their classes. Parents to exit using the two exit gates on the top playground.

**THE ONE-WAY ROUTE BY YEAR 6 IS NARROW, SO PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MOVE PROMPTLY THROUGH THE AREA.**

## End of the day

Year 3 – please wait in the **CAR PARK AREA OUTSIDE THE YEAR 3 CLASSES**. Do not enter the covered area. You will be called forward to collect your child as they come out of the class and through the year 3 gates. You should then leave via the car park gates. If you have an older sibling, please then make your way round to the Year 4 and upper school classes using the one-way system.

Year 4 - please wait **OUTSIDE YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR THE COURTYARD** and wait until your child is released. You should then follow the one-way system out of the school using the two exits on the top playground.

Year 5 – please come down onto the lower playground using the down route from the top playground (this will be clearly identified) and **WAIT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM OR COURTYARD** (do not enter the courtyard).

Year 6 - please come down onto the lower playground using the down route from the top playground (this will be clearly identified) and **WAIT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**.

There is plenty of space so do make sure you socially distance as much as you can.

I am sure you will appreciate these are all new measures and that, as with any plan, we will evaluate and modify as we see how things go. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS WALKING HOME ON THEIR OWN, PLEASE ENSURE YOU MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOWS USING DOJO.** A survey will be coming out in the next few weeks to clarify regular going-home arrangements once we have got through the first stage of reopening.

## School Streets

You will recall that we were hoping to start our scheme of being able to close the road outside school in order to make home time and the start of the day easier. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to go ahead as planned, and therefore we are going to delay the start of this intervention. We will send out more information as soon as we can.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make this scheme a success for our community, we need volunteers to assist in running the scheme. Without volunteers the scheme relies on staff being on duty, which takes us away from our jobs of caring for the children and ensuing they have a good start and end of the day. If you can help between the hours of 8:30-9am or 3:30-4pm, then do contact [office@esm.school](mailto:office@esm.school) to register your interest.

## Lunches

We will only be having packed lunches for the first two weeks. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH THEIR LUNCH (AND NAMED WATER BOTTLE).** School packed lunches are available to those in receipt of Free School Meals – if this applies to you, please complete the survey which was emailed to relevant parents yesterday to confirm your child's requirements.

## Year group newsletters

These are coming out on Monday with more information about PE days and the curriculum.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ireland-Curtis and the ESM team  
Headteacher