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Dear Families

I hope you and your families remain well and safe.

We are now approaching the end of week 3. It has been the most complex start to an academic year I have ever experienced! I have always believed that outstanding education is a result of strong partnership work between the school, families and the pupil. This partnership work has enabled us to overcome many challenges and ensured the school year has got off to a good start.

We have all been working hard to ensure the safety of everybody both in and out of school. Our partnership work has ensured that our pupils clearly know the key messages from the NHS, "Hands-Face-Space".

The key message this week is to make sure you read the [letter from our local Director of Public Health](#), Mathew Cole. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

It is important that we all focus on what has gone well and reflect on what we could do better. All the school staff have been extremely grateful and motivated through the positive feedback we have been receiving from families. It may be difficult to recognise me in my facemask and to hear me through my visor, but it is always a pleasure to talk to you as I walk the school perimeter or on my journey to and from the tube station. I would like to thank you for your support.

It is inevitable that in these turbulent times that all schools will find it difficult to please all of the people all of the time. If you would like any clarification or reassurance about what we are doing and why, at Eastbury, please do not hesitate to contact **Sharon Collins, Head of Secondary phase** (scl@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk); **Aisha Raymond Head of Primary phase** (ara@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk); **Dominic Simpson Head of Sixth form** (dsi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk) or myself **David Dickson** (ddi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)

The school developed a 'Strategic Post Covid Recovery Plan' over the summer and is now busy implementing it. Over the coming weeks I will focus on the different priorities and keep you updated. One of our key priorities is wellbeing. A lot of excellent support work is going on at present and I would like to thank our Parent Support Advisor, Stavey Primus spr@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk, our Designated Safeguarding Lead Rebecca Lastiotis rla@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk and the highly professional and supportive teams. The team is ready to support you and your child if any help or advice is needed.

It has been great to see our new Nursery, Reception and Year 7 pupils settle so well into the school and enjoy their learning, can I thank everybody both in school and at home for helping to establish the ECS routines. At ECS we encourage parents and carers to share the resources and websites they have found helpful. This week a number of you have found the following links useful.



- Top tips to support your child starting primary school during the pandemic ([click here](#))
- Eight ways to support your child as they return to secondary school ([click here](#))
- New additional learning resources for Primary and Secondary pupils the Autumn term ([click here](#))

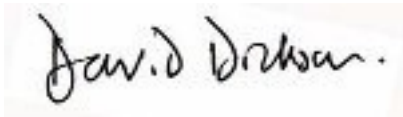
If you have any found any useful, websites or resources please let me know so that I can share them more widely with Eastbury Community School families.

If you have any ideas for improvement or you need any more information please do not hesitate to let me know.

For those of you celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Shanah Tovah Umetukah (happy Rosh Hashanah and have a good year ahead).

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Dickson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

David Dickson - Executive Headteacher

For all of our latest updates and guidance please regularly visit our website.

If a child or adult has symptoms of Covid (full [checklist](#) and currently includes just three symptoms: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, and a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste) they are not allowed on school premises and must get tested.

Parents/carers have a responsibility to get their child tested, and follow all the [NHS guidelines](#). You can book a test appointment by calling 119 or visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. If anyone in your household has symptoms your child must also stay at home for 14 days and self-isolate. Please let the school know if your child cannot attend school or if you are experiencing any difficulties.