



## Eastbury Community School

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Dear Families

### Update Friday September 4

#### A very warm welcome back to all pupils, families and staff

I hope you and your families remain well and safe.

I would like to welcome back all pupils, families and staff to Eastbury Community School. It has been a pleasure to see the school filling up again with pupils and learning taking place in classrooms. I would like to thank all of the staff working so hard, on what they do best, teaching and caring for all of our pupils. I would like to thank the pupils for following all the new routines in and around the school, and settling back so well into their learning in school. This will keep everyone in school and at home safe.

All staff have been pleased to meet our new year 7 pupils, and I have been very impressed with how well they are settling into Eastbury and following our new routines. Keep up this excellent attitude and hard work year seven; this will help you to become very successful at school and in the future. We are all now looking forward to welcoming our new reception and nursery pupils next week.

I would also like to thank all families for ensuring our pupils are getting to school on time, smartly dressed in their uniforms, ready to learn. Additional thanks are also due for your help in reinforcing the key messages; Regular handwashing / sanitising; Respiratory hygiene and Social distancing. This will keep everyone safe in school, at home and in the community.

Our strong track-record of working in partnership with families and pupils is helping us get back to the 'new normal' quickly and effectively. Working together is going to be more important than at any time ever over the coming year. Can I reinforce the following key messages:

- If your child has symptoms of Covid (The [checklist](#) for coronavirus in children currently includes just three symptoms: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, and a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste). Please get your child tested, keep your child at home and follow all the [NHS guidelines](#). You can book a test appointment by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). A lot more useful information can be found [here](#).
- If your child cannot attend school for any reason please let the school know ASAP, and ideally before school starts by calling the school on 0208 507 4500.

Some families have asked about face coverings / masks, and they certainly have been in the news! The updated guidelines from the DfE are available [Here](#). In light of recommendations from the WHO, parents / carers of all secondary students should ensure their child carries a face covering for use on public transport and in shops etc; and we advise that is stored a plastic bag in their blazer pocket.

At this stage, we will not be mandating their use in corridors or communal spaces. The organisation of the timetable and the plan for supervised lesson transitions means we should not have crowding in these areas. We are monitoring the situation carefully and if we feel social distancing cannot be achieved we will instruct secondary students to put on their masks.

We aim to provide as much information for families. The answers to the vast majority of common questions can be found on our website or in our regular updates.



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If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact **Sharon Collins, Head of Secondary phase** ([scl@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:scl@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)); **Ms Raymond Head of Primary phase** ([ara@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ara@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)); **Mr Simpson Head of Sixth form** ([dsi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:dsi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)) or myself **David Dickson** ([ddi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ddi@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk))

**Finally, I would like to wish all our staff, pupils and families a happy and restful weekend.**

**Please stay safe.**

Yours sincerely

David Dickson - Executive Headteacher

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