



## Eastbury Community School

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### Dear Parents / Carers of Year 10 and Year 12 students

We hope you and your families are all well. We are writing to update you in line with the latest government guidance. From Monday 15 June, the government's ambition is that secondary schools will offer some face-to-face learning for Years 10 and 12 subject to the government's five tests being met. This will be alongside the provision for vulnerable learners and children of key workers in all year groups as is currently in place in our school and all schools nationally.

We want to get back to what we do best which is teach your children face to face as soon as possible, but we recognise and support that this will need to be within certain parameters to keep everyone safe and that anything we write now is subject to change up to Monday 15 June and beyond. Therefore, within the government guidance, we do have the flexibility to implement face-to-face support for year 10 and year 12 students in the way that best suits their circumstances, including considerations around our staff availability and well-being.

We are in the process of deciding how best to do this in the interests of our students e.g. pastoral support, academic support, virtual learning and bridging units or a blended combination of these approaches. In order to do this we need to establish the potential number of students in Years 10 and 12 that will want to access face-to-face learning and are asking you respectfully to confirm your child's attendance.

Please complete our survey which we will send you on Monday 8 June confirming your child's attendance in principle.

Once student numbers are confirmed, we will create an outline learning schedule and risk assessment we will share with you, subject to change and amendments up to and beyond Monday 15 June.

### GOVERNMENT EXPECTATIONS FROM MONDAY 15 JUNE

The government expectations are that from Monday 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this, the government is asking secondary schools to:

- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable learners and children of key workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12) for the remainder of the summer term.
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality.
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other students remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer .



## MINIMISING RISKS AT SCHOOL

We will adopt a range of approaches and actions that, when implemented, will create a safer environment, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. This includes:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that students or staff who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, **do not attend school**.
- If your child has symptoms can you get them tested for C-19 before Wednesday 10 June, contact Mr Jhita ([jjh@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:jjh@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)) for advice.
- cleaning hands more often than usual - students and staff will be encouraged to regularly wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- we are organising additional cleaning for frequently touched surfaces and toilets often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach at regular intervals.
- there will be clearly designated areas for each group, a schedule of cleaning after each session and a deep clean at the end of each day
- we will be investigating the use of the same products used by TfL or the same high quality currently that adheres to surfaces and protects them for up to a month – vital for use in common areas, toilets and door handles in school.
- we are in the privileged position to have a large campus consisting of four separate school buildings that can hold many students in each. This will enable us to separate Years 10 and 12, into different groups across the campus.
- It is not envisaged that students will be in all day every day, we will be adopting a flexible approach to maintain social distancing and health & safety guidelines
- minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible and keeping those groups as consistent as possible whilst in school (e.g. for arrival, break and departure) and altering the school environment (e.g. changing classroom layouts so desks are further apart or dividing groups into different classrooms and working outside in subjects like art and geography)
- operating a different type of day so we avoid the increased risk of transmission before and after school and at lunchtimes
- students will not be expected to wear uniform to enable them to wash and change their clothes daily in line with transmission reduction guidance.
- If we can operate scheduled lessons these may be filmed and shared with those students that are unable to attend.

## MINIMISING RISKS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

When finalising plans we will ensure how and when our students travel to and from school. Students will be encouraged to walk or cycle where possible.

- As you know Barking Train station is one of the twenty busiest stations, therefore we will avoid peak travel times and adopt staggered starts for our students and staff.

- We will let you know next week our expectations for which of our separate entrances to use.
- We expect you as parents / carers to impress upon your child the highest standards of behaviour both in and out of school (students failing to follow reasonable instructions will be sent home).
- You must impress upon your child the importance of social distancing and that they should travel by the shortest route possible both to and from school; and there must be no gatherings around the school or in other public places.

We appreciate this letter will not answer all of your concerns, but is a starting point to enable us to action the wider opening of our school from Monday June 15 and rest assured we will not put any of our students or staff at risk.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for supporting your child's learning and hope we can work together to create some 'normality' and certainty for our students in the coming weeks in school.

I pray that you and your family remain safe and well

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Dickson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

**David Dickson**  
**Executive Headteacher**