

# **Eastcombe Primary School**

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Dear parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children in September and are putting plans in place for this to be as smooth a transition as possible.

Mrs Scott and Mrs Leese have already shared with you the induction dates for September, however I thought it would be pertinent to remind you of them before we break up for the summer.

4/9/2020	Storytime session	2.45pm
8/9/2020	Storytime session	2.45pm
11/9/2020	Transition session	9.30-11.30am
16/9/2020	All children to start school	Am only
21/9/2020	All children in school	Am plus lunch
28/9/2020	All children full time	

The Government has released initial guidelines for a full September opening. The intention is for all children to return to full time education after lockdown and school closures. The following link gives you a quick guide about what to expect. Please take 5 mins to read it and help prepare your children for September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

The main generic headlines from the guidance are as follows:

- All children are to return full time
- Parents are asked to actively engage with the NHS test and trace service
- Each class will form their own bubble
- There will be staggered start and end times, staggered play times and staggered lunchtimes
- Parents will not be allowed on the school site
- Children will be expected to wear full school uniform
- School must be ready to switch to remote learning at any given point

I will email out specific details for Eastcombe Primary School over the summer, ready for the start of term.

I know that your children starting school is a big step, which can be both exciting and scary. We are here to support both you and the children where we can. The induction we have in place has been designed to allow the children to familiarise themselves with school and staff, carefully and slowly. A huge difference this year is that due to Government guidelines, Local Authority guidelines and strict risk assessments, parents are not allowed on the school site. We appreciate this might feel strange and unnerving, however we will adapt to this new normal through engaging and fun activities to bring your children in with minimal stress or fuss. Please support us with this and prepare your children for September the best you can. Ideas for this include;

- Read stories about starting school
- Watch tv programmes about starting school (cbeebies have different shows)
- Walk past the school over the summer and look for our blue side gate as this will be your entrance.
- Involve your children in the purchasing of school items e.g. lunch box and PE bags
- Role play schools with teddies and soft toys
- Talk about school with excitement and with positive associations

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at [head@eastcombe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@eastcombe.gloucs.sch.uk)

I look forward to seeing you all in September.  
Have a lovely summer.

Yours in partnership,



Mrs Claire Jones  
Head Teacher