

Eastcombe Primary School

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Dear parents,

We are very close to the end of the school year and it is now the right time to update you with our September plans.

Staffing Update

Mrs Hunt has taken a brave step and decided to leave at the end of the academic year to further her own education. We are sorry to see her go, as she has given so much over the last 12 years to our school. I wish Mrs Hunt good luck putting all her plans into place for September and thank her for her valued contribution. We will all really miss her.

Rosie Crockford has worked closely with one of our children as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant this past year. I am pleased to announce that she has secured a permanent post at a local Special Needs school starting in September. We will miss her but wish her the very best of luck for the future.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Leese has recently re-joined the teaching team. She is working in partnership with Mrs Scott in Squirrel class. Mrs Leese brings a wealth of new skills, interests and strengths to our school and I am sure you will join me in welcoming her back into our school community.

Classes

We will remain split into three class for the next academic year, with no changes to year groups or staff.

Squirrel Class	Mrs Scott – Mon, Tue, Wed Mrs Leese – Thurs & Fri	YR, Y1 & Y2
Hedgehog Class	Mr King	Y3 & Y4
Owl Class	Mrs Monk – Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs Mrs Jones - Fri	Y5 & Y6

Full Opening

The Government has released initial guidelines for a full September opening. The intention is for all children to return to full time education. 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 latest 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.

Lockdown leavers 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck as they move on to their next phase of education. They have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them all.

New Starters 2020

We will welcome seven new Reception children in September and also a new Year 2 child. There are also a couple of prospective families still making their minds up. This is really positive news for us all and we can't wait to embrace the new families into our school community.

Thank you

This has been the most testing year in education that I have ever known. I would like to thank you all for supporting the school throughout the last few difficult terms and also supporting your children through home learning. Remote education was a steep learning curve for us all, and there is reflection to be had about the experience and learning opportunities for us to embrace. I would like to reassure you that when your children return to us in September we will welcome them back with smiles, understanding and empathy. We will gently assess where the children are academically and when they are ready we will work hard to make up for any lost learning. This will be done in a nurturing and supportive manner, by staff who know your children well and want nothing but the best for them. We look forward to this next chapter.

I hope you all have a lovely summer,

Yours in partnership,



Mrs Claire Jones