

EJS PARENTAL UPDATE AND NEWSLETTER

1. Thank you for all of your patience, understanding and good humour over the last couple of weeks. None of this is easy for any of us and I thank you for your support.
2. The children have been amazing! They have come back to school with smiles on their faces and I think they are secretly glad to be back.
3. The children have coped so well with all the changes and, as children do, have proved themselves to be flexible, adaptable and resilient. They are an absolute credit to you and you should be very proud of them as we are.

4. PLEASE NOTE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH onwards - new start and end times.
Now the children are so much quicker at handwashing, we can move to more steamline start and times for day.

Lower school - Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 - 9.00 - 3.00

Upper school- Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 - 9.15 - 3.15

If you have children in both Lower and Upper School - bring all of your children together at the latest time.

5. Wheelie Wednesdays to start Wednesday September 16th. Children can bring wheelie style equipment for playtime - roller skates, skateboards, bikes etc but all wheelies must be stored outside of the building, in the secure yards.
6. PE kit on PE days is a winner! No loss of time changing and rechanging. Children look smartest with EJS or other white t-shirt or polo, with black track suit bottoms. Optional extras and look really smart - red PE hoodie and red PE shorts which can be worn alone or over track suit bottoms. - we will make this part of uniform of future.
7. **PLEASE NOTE- UPPER SCHOOL PE DAYS WILL, FROM MONDAY 14TH, BE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.** This change is to help with equipment cleaning schedule.

LOWER SCHOOL	PE KITS	MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS
UPPER SCHOOL	PE KITS	THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS
ALL	IN FULL UNIFORM	WEDNESDAYS

8. What to do if your child is ill?

- These are the Public Health England designated symptoms of covid. If anyone in your household has ONE of the following symptoms - you must all stay at home and the person with symptoms needs to have a test - ring 119.
- You also need to ring school and leave a message on our answer machine. We will ring you back as soon as we can to discuss the situation.

- **SYMPTOMS**

- New cough that is persistent and continuous
- High temperature - above 37.5 degrees or fever
- Lack or change of taste or smell

According to the PHE symptoms above if your child or someone in your house has a snotty/runny nose or is sneezing, or has a sore throat or sickness or diarrhoea is unlikely to be Covid but please ring us, leave a message and tell us exactly which symptoms your child or the person has.

9. Work that can be set for children who are self isolating will be as follows and matched to your child's needs. This will be explained to you on your child's SEESAW account. Look out also on SEESAW for ANNOUNCEMENTS from staff and from myself. Most of this blended learning will be online. Should that be a problem for you - please let us know by emailing us or phoning us. Work will be provided after two days of the child isolating.

- Classroom kids
- Tt rockstars
- Reading and quizzing
- Reading eggs for some - contact amanda
- IDL maths - contact amanda
- Research your project - watch a programme and make notes or books or online
- Spellings
- Worksheet style items you are using for your class

10. **HOT MEALS - September 21st**

We are hoping to start hot meals again on Monday September 21st and are spending next week trying out the Covid secure system we have designed. We have taken this step slowly as I didn't want children or staff overwhelmed by having everything start at once on day one. This appears to have worked as lunch times have been pleasurable and not stressful experiences so far.

11. **EQUIPMENT**

As the children are now more use to the new classroom situations we are able to make some adjustments. FROM MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21st, when the lunchtime procedures change, you are welcome to then send your child to school with a hard wipe able water bottle that is filled at home in the morning, taken home and cleaned at night. Similarly, you are welcome to send your child with a hard, plastic, wipe able lunch, which similarly must go home every night to be washed. It would help us massively if your child could bring these item and nothing else in a ruck sack or back pack as this can be places very safely on the back of their chair and secures their coat to the back of their chair too

thus reducing the chances of the children tripping. Should you wish to continue with the disposable options of water bottle and lunch back as now, you are welcome to do that too. Water (from a water cooler, put into a class jug) is always available as are disposable cups. The choice is yours.

Again, I thank you for your patience and understanding - I think we will be in this position for quite a while yet and the more we can work together, the quicker we can hopefully rid our lives of this dreadful virus and get back to some kind of normality.

If you have a worry or a concern or if you want to celebrate all we are doing you can email covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk or leave a message on our answer machine and we will get back to you - 01900 812330.

Kind regards,

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