

EWANRIGG JUNIOR SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER REOPENING 2020

PARENTAL INFORMATION  
BOOKLET



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this booklet finds you and your family well. I have waited until now to tell you about September reopening as things are changing so quickly at the moment. I waited for the promised government update on August 11<sup>th</sup> - it didn't come but time is moving on so I think now is a good time to let you know how we are managing our return to school. ***Please remember though that I may have to change these arrangements if and when guidance changes.***

This is not an easy time for anyone - school workers, families, children - but the EJS Team have worked really hard to make our school as safe as we can according to the many forms of guidance we have been given from government, Cumbria County Council, Public Health England, Unions, World Health Organisation etc. That said, I am old and wise enough to know that our plans will be viewed differently by different people - some will agree with our plan and some won't. Some people will think there are too many control measure and some people will think there's not enough. I am absolutely aware that I cannot please everyone but I can only do what I can do with the information that I'm given.

I have really missed school and I am truly looking forward to returning to school - it won't be the same as before but returning is a definite step in the right direction. We will take it step by step; day by day and I will do all I can to keep our staff and children safe. We have a very dedicated and capable team here at EJS - leaders, teachers, educational support staff, office staff, kitchen staff and site staff and they are all similarly looking forward to resuming school life.

**If you have any individual worries or concerns, please email me at [covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk) so I can explain further if needed.**

Kind regards,



**Head Teacher**

**Ewanrigg Junior School**

**[covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk) for questions/replies to this email.**

*Please note that during COVID I am working flexible hours and may contact you before or after the normal working day. I do not expect a response from you outside of working hours unless it makes your life easier. Stay safe.*

YVONNE CRAIG HEADTEACHER

**CAN ALTER AT ANY TIME AND AS GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE CHANGES**

**GOVERNMENT RATIONALE**

1. *Total change of safety emphasis - all emphasis has moved from social distancing to reducing social interaction between people.*
2. There is no expectation of social distancing between primary children.
3. Risk of transmission is allegedly much reduced outside.
4. ADULTS have to stay 2m apart from each other and from the children.
5. Risk of transmission is allegedly much reduced by spending as little time as possible in close proximity to another person.
6. Taking temperatures is unnecessary as this is not a true indicator of whether or not a person has COVID.
7. Curriculum should be modified to accommodate catch-up in maths and English during autumn and spring term but should be back to full curriculum by summer term.
8. No mention as yet of Y6 SATs being abandoned next year - still expected in May 2021
9. Schooling compulsory - parents can be fined if children do not return - some HT discretion regarding this but school will be accountable for any absences. My thought, as you know is your child - your choice.
10. Re-instate wearing of full uniform.

**So, what does that mean for us? How can we make this manageable at EJS?**

## **HOW ARE WE REDUCING SOCIAL INTERACTION AND RISK OF INFECTION IN SCHOOL?**

### 1. **2 MAIN BUBBLES**

Y3/Y4 LOWER SCHOOL BUBBLE AND Y5/Y6 UPPER SCHOOL FOR OUTSIDE TIME

### 2. **CLASS BUBBLES** - SUB-DIVIDE MAIN BUBBLES INTO BUBBLETTS (CLASSES)

#### **LOWER SCHOOL BUBBLETTS/CLASSES**

CLASS 1 MRS CHILTON AND MRS ANDERSON

CLASS 2 MRS MCALLISTER, MISS BAKER AND MRS BIRKETT

CLASS 3 MR RITSON AND MRS HUNTON

#### **UPPER SCHOOL BUBBLETTS/CLASSES**

CLASS 4 MISS BOWMAN TO CHRISTMAS AND THEN MRS MCGLASSON WHEN MATERNITY LEAVE ENDS AND MRS WALLACE

CLASS 5 MR HOPE AND MISS HERBERT

CLASS 6 MISS LANCASTER AND MRS HAMPSON

CHILDREN WILL STAY WITH THEIR DESIGNATED ADULTS IN DESIGNATED TWO ROOMS ALL DAY - NO MOVING AROUND - **SEE APPENDIX 1**

### 3. **OFFICE BUBBLE** - OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR FACE TO FACE ACTIVITIES - PREARRANGED APPOINTMENTS ONLY!

MISS CRAIG IN HT OFFICE

MRS DITCHBURN IN MAIN OFFICE

MRS MOIR, MRS DAWSON AND MRS LISTER IN MRS HAMPSON'S ROOM

NO CHILDREN OR ADULTS INTO OFFICE BUBBLE (DOUBLE DOORS OUTSIDE FAMILY ROOM) AND NO OFFICE BUBBLE STAFF TO MOVE AROUND SCHOOL.

### 4. **CASHLESS PAYMENTS** - COMPUTER SYSTEM ONLY - OFFICE CLOSED FOR FACE TO FACE BUSINESS EXCEPT BY APPOINTMENT

### 5. **ESSENTIAL VISITORS ONLY** - NO PARENTS ON SITE - OFFICE/INTERCOM LOCK SYSTEM ON OUTER FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR AND ON GATES - ESSENTIAL VISITORS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - NO INSIDE COMMUNAL WAITING AREA IN ENTRANCE

### 6. **COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL**

ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOL WILL BE ELECTRONIC - EMAIL, T2P, TEXT, FACEBOOK, WEBSITE, SEESAW. TELEPHONE ANSWER MACHINE WILL BE ON AT ALL TIMES - PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE WILL RETURN CALL WHEN WE ARE AVAILABLE.

7. **ENTRY AND EXIT - CHILDREN TO BE LEFT AT GATE - NO PARENTS ALLOWED ON SITE - ADULT ON GATE DUTY TO GREET AND DIRECT CHILDREN**

BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN ENTER AND EXIT BY DESIGNATED CLASS BUBBLE ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS AND DESIGNATED CLASS BUBBLE HAND WASHING STATIONS - LOWER SCHOOL CHILDREN TO COME ACROSS CAR PARK, PAST KITCHEN AND THROUGH BACK YARD ENTRANCE. NO PARENTS PASS DOUBLE GATES - **SEE APPENDIX 1**

8. **CLASS ORGANISATION** - CHILDREN TO SIT IN ONE SEAT, FACING FORWARDS WITH THE DESIGNATED ADULTS AT THE FRONT STRICTLY OBEYING 2M DISTANCING RULE. CHILDREN MUST NOT LEAVE THEIR SEAT AND ADULTS MUST NOT BE CLOSER TO CHILD UNLESS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

9. **FIRST WEEK BACK - STAGGERED START**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - INSET/ PREPARATION DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - ANSWER MACHINE/EMAILS AVAILABLE

THURS SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - YR 3 TO START SCHOOL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - Y3 AND Y4 TO START SCHOOL

MON SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - ALL IN SCHOOL

10. **STARTING TIMES** - IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD WHO START AT DIFFERENT TIMES - YOU ONLY NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL **ONCE** - PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN AT THE **LATEST START TIME** RELEVANT TO YOUR CHILDREN - STICKING TO THESE TIMES IS ESSENTIAL!!!!

| START TIME | BUBBLE CLASS | END DAY |
|------------|--------------|---------|
| 9.00       | 4<br>AND 3   | 2.45    |
| 9.15       | 5<br>AND 1   | 3.00    |
| 9.30       | 6<br>AND 2   | 3.15    |

11. **CURRICULUM** -MATHS AND ENGLISH FILLING LEARNING GAPS EMPHASIS FOR AUTUMN AND SPRING TERMS - RETURN TO FULL BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM BY SUMMER - CLIC/SAFE/HAND WRITING/SPELLING TESTS ALL ON FRIDAY AS NOW

12. **PLAYTIMES** -USING THE 2 MAIN BUBBLE SYSTEM PLAY TIMES TO BE TAKEN SEPARATELY AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES ON FRONT YARD AS EITHER LOWER SCHOOL BUBBLE OR UPPER SCHOOL BUBBLE.
13. **BACK YARD** - WEEK BY WEEK ROTA FOR BACK YEAR PER BUBBLE STARTING WITH LS BUBBLE 1, THEN 2, THEN 3 - THEN UPPER SCHOOL WEEK AND THEN REPEAT
14. **ASSEMBLIES** BY YC VIA ZOOM - ON BOARD IN ROOMS - 9.30 MON/WED. PARENTAL UPDATE ASSEMBLY ON FT LIVE THURSDAYS AT 1.30 AS NOW
15. **UNIFORM AND PE** - AGREEMENT THAT EXERCISE CAN TAKE PLACE MORNING OR AFTERNOON - NO CHANGING FACILITIES SO LOWER SCHOOL TO COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KIT STYLE CLOTHES ON MON/TUES AND UPPER SCHOOL WED/THURS. ONE CLASS CAN GO IN HALL A DAY - DEEP CLEAN AT NIGHT. MAIN BUBBLES OR CLASS BUBBLES CAN GO OUTSIDE. ALL WEATHER DEPENDENT

|       | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  |
|-------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| LOWER | PE KIT  | PE KIT  | UNIFORM   | UNIFORM  | UNIFORM |
| UPPER | UNIFORM | UNIFORM | PE KIT    | PE KIT   | UNIFORM |
|       |         |         |           |          | NO PE   |

16. **MEALS/SNACKS** - ALL LUNCHES WILL INITIALLY NEED TO BE PACKED LUNCHES FOR SEPTEMBER AT LEAST

EATEN IN CLASSROOM

ORIAN TO OFFER PACKED LUNCHES ONLY FOR PAID AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR SEPTEMBER AT LEAST

HOME PACKED LUNCHES AND ALL HEALTHY SNACKS FOR BREAKTIME NEED BROUGHT TO SCHOOL IN DISPOSABLE WRAPPINGS IN A DISPOSABLE CARRIER BAG AND KEPT ON THE BACK OF THE CHILD'S CHAIR - IN OWN SPACE. THESE WILL THEN BE BINNED, IN SCHOOL, AFTER LUNCH SO REDUCING HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSITION

DINNER MONEY IS £11.55 PER WEEK - PAID ONLINE ON MONDAYS

JUGS OF WATER AND DISPOSABLE CUPS TO BE AVAILABLE IN EACH ROOM.

17. **EQUIPMENT** - EACH CHILD TO BE ISSUED WITH PERSONAL STATIONARY ZIP BAG THAT STAYS ON THEIR DESK SPACE/WORK STATION - THIS REDUCES SHARING EQUIPMENT WHEREVER POSSIBLE - NOTHING TO GO BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL - **SO NO SCHOOL BAG, COMFORTERS OR PENCIL CASES** - ONLY LUNCH IN DISPOSABLE CARRIER BAG KEPT ON BACK OF CHILD'S CHAIR - COAT TO BE KEPT ON THE BACK OF CHAIR - NO USE OF LOCKERS/TRAYS AS ALL COMMUNAL AREAS NEED TO BE USED AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE

18. **EXERCISE BOOKS** - THREE BOOKS. ENGLISH, MATHS AND OTHER. CANNOT BE UP AND DOWN OUT OF SEAT TO TRAYS - NO TRAYS AND NO LOCKERS - SCHOOL ITEMS KEPT IN SCHOOL, AT DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION IN A ZIP PLASTIC BAG - OWN WHITEBOARD AND WHITE BOARD PEN AND RUBBER EACH TO SCRIBBLE WORKINGS ON IF NEED TO - **NO SHARING!**
19. **READING BOOKS** - CHILDREN WILL NEED TWO READING BOOKS - ONE FOR IN SCHOOL AND ONE FOR HOME. THE HOME ONE GOES HOME AND STAYS HOME. WHEN IT IS RETURNED, IT GOES INTO A CLASS BUBBLE QUARANTINE BOX AND CANNOT BE REMOVED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. THAT WAY ALL BOOKS WILL HAVE HAD THE REQUIRED 48 HOURS QUARANTINE. INSTEAD OF READING RECORD PARENTS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO RECORD READING ON SEESAW AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH WEEKLY VIDEO READ ON SEESAW. INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP READING ALOUD TO BE ORGANISED BY TEACHERS IN WITHDRAWL ROOM FOR PRIVACY FOR CHILD.
20. **DIGITAL LEARNING** - INCREASE USE OF IPADS, PCS, TABLETS, ONLINE AND BLENDED LEARNING - THIS MAY BE NEEDED AGAIN SHOULD THERE BE A LOCAL LOCKDOWN
21. **NO BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** - FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST HALF TERM TO OCTOBER
22. **HOME WORK - SEESAW/ TT ROCKSTARS** - CONTINUE TO USE FOR HOMEWORK, NO PAPER HOMEWORK APART FROM Y6 CPG REVISION BOOKS (WHICH STAY AT HOME) TO BE GIVEN.
23. **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT** - PPE IS DISCOURAGED FROM BEING USED IN SCHOOLS AND WE HAVE TO HAVE PROVISION FOR THE REMOVAL OF FACE MASKS PRIOR TO CHILDREN ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THIS IS A DIRECTIVE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND WHO STATES THAT FACE MASKS INTERFERE WITH TEACHING AND LEARNING. MY DECISION HOWEVER IS THAT SHOULD A STAFF MEMBER OR CHILD FEEL THE NEED TO USE A TRANSPARENT FACE SHIELD OR MASK TO FEEL COMFORTABLE- ONE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THEM TO KEEP IN THEIR SCHOOL ZIP BAG.

**APPENDIX A - CLASS TEACHERS AND ROOMS**

| CLASS ROOM   | TEACHER  | SUPPORT  | EXTRA SPACE  | ENTRANCE EXIT  | HANDWASHING TOILET  |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| C1<br>PRIMARILY<br>NEW Y4  | MRS<br>CHILTON   | MRS ANDERSON   | MRS<br>ANDERSON'S<br>ROOM  | READING ROOM   | HOT WATER<br>OUTSIDE C3<br>LOWER SCHOOL<br>GIRLS  |
| C2<br>Y3 AND Y4  | MRS<br>MCALLISTER  | MISS BAKER<br>MRS BIRKETT                                      | MISS BAKER<br>ROOM<br>CONSERVATORY   | CONSERVATORY<br>STAGGERED<br>START AND END<br>TIMES                  | HOT WATER<br>CONSERVATORY<br>LOWER SCHOOL<br>BOYS                                       |
| C3<br>PRIMARILY<br>NEW Y3  | MR RITSON  | MRS HUNTON   | MRS HUNTON<br>ROOM   | CONSERVATORY<br><br>STAGGERED<br>START AND END<br>TIMES              | HOT WATER IN<br>CLASS 3<br>UPPER SCHOOL<br>GIRLS SPLIT<br>INTO 2<br>BOYS AND GIRLS      |
| C4<br>PRESENT Y5<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y6<br>MIXED UP<br>PRESENT Y4<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y5 | MISS<br>BOWMAN<br>TO<br>CHRISTMAS<br>THEN MRS<br>MCGLASSON | MRS WALLACE<br>UNTIL<br>CHRISTMAS<br>THEN MRS<br>HAMPSON       | THROUGH<br>QUAD TO A<br>PORTIONED<br>OFF AREA OF<br>HALL (USING<br>RED BOARDS) | UPPER SCHOOL<br>CLAOKROOM  | US CLOAKROOM<br>HOT WATER<br><br>UPPER SCHOOL<br>BOYS SPLIT INTO<br>2<br>BOYS AND GIRLS |
| C5<br>PRESENT Y5<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y6<br>MIXED UP<br>PRESENT Y4<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y5 | MR HOPE  | MISS HERBERT   | SMALL<br>COMPUTER<br>ROOM  | COMPUTER<br>ROOM DOOR  | HOT WATER<br>C5<br>UPPER SCHOOL<br>GIRLS SPLIT<br>INTO 2<br>BOYS AND GIRLS              |
| C6<br>PRESENT Y5<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y6<br>MIXED UP<br>PRESENT Y4<br>WILL BECOME<br>Y5 | MISS<br>LANCASTER  | MRS HAMPSON<br>UNTIL<br>CHRISTMAS<br>THEN MRS<br>WALLACE       | FAMILY ROOM  | UPPER SCHOOL<br>CLAOKROOM<br><br>STAGGERED<br>START AND END<br>TIMES | HOT WATER<br>C6<br><br>UPPER SCHOOL<br>BOYS SPLIT INTO<br>2<br>BOYS AND GIRLS           |
| OFFICES<br><br>VISITORS  | MISS CRAIG   | MRS<br>DITCHBURN<br><br>MRS MOIR, MRS<br>DAWSON, MRS<br>LISTER | TWO OFFICES<br><br>PLUS RH ROOM<br>OFFICE NOT<br>OPEN TO<br>PUBLIC             | FRONT<br>ENTRANCE  | HOT WATER<br>ADULT TOILET<br>ADULT ALL<br>ACCESS TOILET                                 |
| ISOLATION<br>ROOM  |  |  | LARGE<br>COMPUTER  |  |   |