

Full School Opening – September 2020

You will find below, a list of *some* of the control measures, put in place to minimise the risk of transmission, in school. These measures are informed by the latest Government guidelines.

Start of the Year

- We will be having a phased return to school, in September, to allow the children to settle into their new routines and to ensure that they have time to understand some of the changes outlined below. For each day the children should start at the time stated on the accompanying documents, using the designated entrances. School staff will be present every day to guide the children to their classrooms and the Senior Leadership Team will be on each gate to welcome back our families.
 - **Wednesday 2nd September** – INSET Day – school closed to **ALL** children.
 - **Thursday 3rd September** – Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children **only**
 - Years 1, 3 & 5 remain at home.
 - **Friday 4th September** – Years 1, 3 and 5 **only**.
 - Years 2, 4, & 6 remain at home.
 - **Monday 7th September** – **Year 1 – 6**, in full-time, as per the times and entrances on the accompanying documentation.
 - **Tuesday 8th September onwards** - Nursery and Reception classes begin their phased start/return to school (see website for details).

Beginning and End of the Day

- To minimise gathering in large groups, we will make full use of the four entrance/exit points on to the school site – Waller Road (Main Entrance), Waller Road (Cooke Hall Entrance), Walsham Road Entrance and Rutts Terrace Entrance. If you do not usually use the entrance your child's year group has been assigned, it might be useful to do a 'test run' over the summer holidays so that you are ready for September.
- Year groups will have staggered start and finish times and these are attached. The gates will be staffed to help with this process and to assist in any way we can.
- Parents of children in Year 1 and upwards will not be allowed in the playground.

Whole School

- To mitigate transmission risks, for the first term at least, we will not be holding 'communal' events, where the children meet; daily assemblies, class assemblies, educational visitors etc.
- The children will follow a one-way system around the building. This is already in place and the children follow the system well.
- Continuing the importance given to hygiene and handwashing.
- Maintaining the vigilance regarding keeping soap dispensers etc. topped up throughout the day.
- Continuing cleaning regime, across the school, throughout the day.
- For at least the first half-term, there will be no after school clubs, language clubs or group music tuition. Please note - Edmund Waller Community Services, who provide the breakfast and after school clubs, will operate until 9:30, by which point, all children will have started school.

Full School Opening – September 2020

In Classrooms

- Classes will be treated as individual ‘bubbles’, with a maximum of 30 children.
- These bubbles, will only come together with the other bubble in their year group – contact between year groups will be kept to an absolute minimum.
- Time built in to the day to wash hands regularly to promote hygiene.
- Dedicated, closed top bins for tissues and wipes – these measures are already in place at the moment.
- As per the current government guidelines, Years 2-6 will sit in rows, facing the front of the classroom.
- Children’s movement around their classroom will be restricted.
- For our younger children the Early Years team will be communicating with parents separately.

Break and Lunch times

- The Year Group bubbles will have staggered break and lunch times.
- Within the grounds, the year groups will have ‘zoned areas’ to play and socialise in. These will be rotated regularly to ensure that all children get to experience the whole of the school site over each half term.
- Break times will be supervised by the year group’s own teaching staff, this is to minimise the number of adults coming in to contact with any given bubble.

What Can My Child Bring With Them?

- We ask you to help minimise the risk of transmission by reducing the items travelling between home and school.
- As such, please ensure that no toys, trading cards, stationery, wrist bands etc. are brought in to school.
- Packed lunches should be brought in, in wipeable containers, which are regularly cleaned.
- PE kits can be brought in, but we ask that they are in a reusable bag, which can be wiped clean and not a cloth one. There will be outdoor P.E. only so please make sure the children have a kit to change into with appropriate footwear (trainers or plimsolls).
- The water fountains across the school have been turned off. Therefore, it is essential that each child brings a clearly named water bottle. There will be the opportunity to refill bottles throughout the day.
- Book bags should **only** be brought to school on **Friday**, which will be the school-wide day to exchange reading books.

Communicating with the School

Whilst we recognise that a dialogue between home and school is vital, control measures for communication have been put in place to protect everyone’s safety.

- At present, there will be **NO** walk-in access to the school office without an appointment.
- If you wish to make an appointment you may do so by telephone (0207 639 0436) or email (office@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk)
- If you would like to contact your child’s class teacher, you can do so by using the above contact details or leaving a message with a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the school gates.
- Where a response is required, teachers will telephone parents after the school day has finished. Please do not email any member of staff directly.