



15 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In accordance with government guidance, Etonbury Academy are planning a phased reopening of school. In addition to the key workers and vulnerable children already in school we are inviting Year 6 pupils to return from June 1. Please note this government directive will only apply if all five of their indicators are met regarding rate of infection of Covid 19.

Presently we are working through a comprehensive local authority risk assessment checklist, confirming that all possible measures have been taken to ensure our children and staff are safe. So that we can plan appropriately, we need to gauge the numbers of pupils we would be welcoming back and appreciate your support with this.

Before answering the short questionnaire below, please take time to read the following information to gain a clear overview of what the school day will look like for you and your child.

- 1) To ensure social distancing we are introducing a staggered school day. Pupils will be allocated a specific combination of start and end times to their school day – these could range between 8.10 to 2.40 and 9.30 to 3.50 depending on numbers in school. Your child's times will be allocated by the school and will remain the same throughout the half term.
- 2) Children should be accompanied to and from school by one adult, to ensure no congregating between pupils and them potentially arriving 'outside' their 20 minute slot.
- 2) Once in school pupils will be placed in their groups of between 8 - 12 and taught in one classroom for the whole day (other than for PE) and by a consistent member of staff during the day – no moving around the building for lessons. These groups are based on next year's Year 7 forms and will remain the same for the duration of the term.
- 4) Each child will have their own designated desk every day and equipment will not be shared.

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5) Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered with groups (no more than 40 pupils) on break or lunch at the same time – to support social distancing measures in the canteen and outside in their designated play areas.

6) Government advise that NO face masks are to be worn by either teachers or pupils during the school day. Those having to administer First Aid will however adopt the full range of PPE.

7) Children exhibiting Covid 19 symptoms are to stay at home. If a child exhibits Covid symptoms in school, they will be sent home immediately.

8) During the school day we will continue with our thorough hygiene regime of handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, disinfecting work surfaces regularly etc.

Please be assured, there is no intention on the part of the school or government to penalise the children or parents of children who do not attend school during this phased re-opening. Any decision to return will be based on your confidence as parents that the time is right for your child.

Please can you respond by Wednesday 20th May to allow time to put appropriate planning in place. Thank you for your continued support throughout.

Kind regards

Mr Ian Evason

Principal

Mrs Lesley Whittle

Head of Etonbury Juniors