



Happy, Inspired, Lifelong Learners

# Eaton Bray Academy Newsletter

## 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

I hope you and your children are looking forward to returning this week as much as we are. We are excited to share with you all what we hope to be a normal year. We hope to begin to get back to some kind of normality, but will also still be doing everything that we can to keep everyone in our community safe.

We just wanted to send you a few notes and reminders before the children return.

Staff will be in school from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, we will be in training so will not necessarily be able to respond to phone calls immediately, but please call or email if you have any questions.

### Timings

As previously advertised we will be using a similar but more flexible system than last year as below:

#### Drop off

8:40-8:50 am. This will follow the same process as this year, but you may arrive at any time in this time slot regardless of surname. We have found that this system of dropping off at the gate and walking to classrooms has really helped children to increase their independence as they have learnt to come in and settle to activities which has developed their own organisational skills.

Please remember that some classrooms are changing in September, so staff will be available to direct children in the right direction. Year 1 and Reception will be in the outdoor red classrooms, while Years 2-6 will be in the main school.

#### Pick up

3:20-3:30pm. This is currently planned to operate in the same process as this year, but similarly you may arrive at any time in this time slot and the children will be on the playground.

### Key Dates:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept- Children return

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm – Meet the teacher events (see detail below)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Individual Photos

13<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> September- Sponsored reading week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.30pm: Phonics meeting for parents

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September- PTA Fair

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September- Author virtual visit

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October- Prospective new parent tours

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: School closes for Half Term Break

1<sup>st</sup> Nov: School opens after Half Term Break

Please see [Term Dates - Eaton Bray Academy](#) for later dates.



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### Uniform

Do not forget that this academic year we will be tightening up on children following our uniform rules. Please remember that uniform is available from the school shop (link on the website) or pre-loved from the PTA (email [pta@eba.ec](mailto:pta@eba.ec)). If you are having any difficulties with getting the correct uniform (including PE kit) for September then please let us know.

### Covid Restrictions

We would like to reassure you that we will continue to follow all government guidance in order to keep our children safe.

The most important thing we can all continue to do is be careful- if your child has any symptoms please refrain from bringing them to the school site and book a PCR test. The results from these are now received quickly and this will prevent potentially spreading illness.

Following government guidance we will no longer need to operate in the strict bubbles that we have for the past year. We will now allow for more mixing around the school which will continue to develop our school community. Lunch and break times will be split into Reception/Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. Assemblies will also begin in key stages, with this being reviewed regularly.

Ventilation and regular hand washing will also remain important. We have seen the benefits of this across the school and the children understand the reasons behind this.

We will not be requiring parents to wear masks when dropping off or collecting but this is welcomed. We would also encourage parents to continue to socially distance wherever possible.

If required it may be needed to bring in bubbles for a temporary period upon advice of health authorities.

### Meet the teacher event

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September there will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. We have adjusted this time slightly to 2.30pm to allow you time to meet your child's teacher during school hours. If you are not able to attend please do not worry as you will also receive a class newsletter and topic web to provide you with more information about your child's class this year.

If you are able to attend please wait by the gate and we will open the outside classroom doors when each classroom is ready.

Timings for discussions with the class teacher:

Years 1 and 2: 2.40pm

Years 3 and 4: 2.50pm

Years 5 and 6: 3.00pm



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### Help please!

We are excited to hear from the government that, all being well, we can re-open our school library in September. To get the very most from the library it would be wonderful to have some parent volunteers who are willing to help children choose books, talk about their books and keep the shelves orderly. If you are able to spare an hour or two a week to help us please speak to the office or a member of staff on the gate.

We are looking forward to the return of more school events, and bringing parents back in to work with us and see the amazing things that are happening in the school.

