



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the letter published yesterday, we understand that many of you will be feeling very conflicted about whether to accept a place when the school potentially reopens on 1st June. This is a worrying time for everyone and after such a long period in lockdown, the prospect of returning to school and a normal routine is very daunting. However, for a number of children who have attended school for the past two months, adhering to social distancing and other protective measures has become part of their new routine; they have adapted brilliantly and they continue to thrive. As is our normal practice, staff will be both sensitive and vigilant in helping the children understand the changes to the school day, and the new rules, whilst continuing to offer an exciting and enriching curriculum. Their well-being is our utmost priority as we help them navigate the new school day.

Parents who decide to keep their children at home will not be penalised at this current time. School will continue to fully support families who decide to continue with home schooling. For those parents who are considering accepting a place, the following is a summary of the protective measures that have been implemented:

- **All staff MUST wash hands before entering the building and regularly thereafter. Protective gloves will also be provided.**
- **On entry to class, all pupils must be supervised washing their hands for twenty seconds, minimum, using the antibacterial soap provided.**
- **As before, children must wash their hands after sneezing or coughing and must be reminded not to touch their mouth, eyes or nose – the same applies to all members of staff.**
- **Disinfectant spray, anti-bacterial soap and hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom and communal areas such as the dining room, and the school already has adequate supplies of these.**
- **Children will be placed in a maximum group size of 14 (this is likely to be much smaller)**
- **In classrooms, seating will be separated into single tables seating one pupil maximum.**
- **The DfE has issued specific advice on how to provide for pupils in the EYFS so they can still enjoy practical activities within their social 'bubble'.**
- **Different groups of children will not mix during the day or on subsequent days but remain in their class 'bubble'.**
- **Opportunities for the children to learn and play outside in their 'bubble' will be timetabled daily.**
- **For the most part, the same teachers and support staff will be assigned to each class bubble and these arrangements will remain the same throughout the day, and on subsequent days.**
- **Tables will be disinfected regularly and at the end of each session as a minimum.**
- **No communal gatherings on classroom carpets – not even small groups.**
- **Activities which are particularly high-risk such as, using sand, water, play-dough, soft toys or dressing up clothes are prohibited. (This list contains examples and is not exhaustive)**
- **Children must remain seated at their tables at all times during lessons with the exception of the EYFS where appropriate and safe play will be supervised closely.**
- **Any shared implements such as, colouring pens, paint brushes, computer keyboards will be cleaned, using disinfectant, at the beginning and end of each session. Pupils will be given their own named pen and pencil to use.**

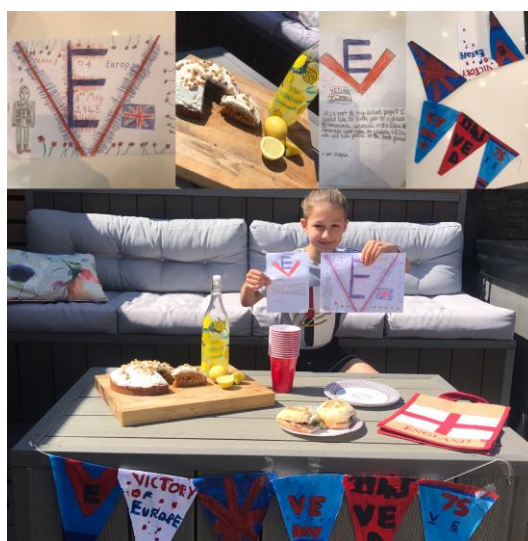
- Children must bring their own water bottle to school and take this home daily to be washed thoroughly.
- Windows and doors will be kept open at all times throughout the day to ensure good air flow.
- Communal doors will also be kept open during the day to minimise the touching of door handles.
- Toilets will be kept clean and tidy and pupils visit one at a time – supervised. Class R to use R toilet, Y1 to use KS1 toilets, Y6 and Key Workers to use KS2 toilets. There must be NO crossover in toilet use.
- Pupils will not visit the toilet during playtimes to ensure the one pupil rule is followed at all times. Regular supervised toilet breaks will be allowed throughout the day with flexibility to our previous rule.
- Children will play out in small groups on a rota basis and remain in their ‘bubble’ – high levels of supervision will ensure appropriate play is modelled and social distancing is maintained.
- Lunchtimes will be in sittings with no more than 14 pupils in the hall or dining room so social distancing rules can be followed.
- Lunches will be ordered at the start of the day and served to pupils by staff to avoid queuing at the hatch.
- Routes for children to use round school will be mapped out and these must be adhered to for the foreseeable future.
- Staff and pupils will be eligible for testing if they display coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their respective households.
- The same isolation procedures will apply to pupils and staff who display symptoms – fourteen days self-isolation if a member of the household shows symptoms, seven days (from the first day of symptoms) if the individual shows symptoms.
- Wearing a face mask or protective equipment is not recommended, or necessary, for both staff and pupils unless a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, whilst in school, and requires personal care; in this instance a face mask, gloves and apron should be worn by the supervising adult.
- There is no need for anything other than normal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in an educational or childcare setting.
- Outdoor climbing equipment will not be used until further notice.
- Reading books will not be sent home this term and the school will continue to use online reading books (Bug Club).
- There will be no shared take home resources.
- Arrival and collection times will be staggered (details to follow) and classes will have an allocated point for arrival and collection (siblings will be catered for).
- We regret group gatherings such as Family Worship are cancelled until further notice.

This is a summary of the main points and thorough risk assessments for all aspects of the school opening have been completed by the headteacher. Enhanced cleaning procedures at the start and end of every day have also been actioned and additional cleaning staff have been recruited to meet this demand.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or my direct email. Details of groups and organisation of the school day will be issued in due course.

VE Day and Celebrations

Last week, the children worked at home and in school to celebrate VE day, the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe at the end of World War II. We were delighted to see the photographs of the different projects and celebrations come pouring in to school. Even though we could not be together during this time, children from all year groups produced some fantastic work including: the design and making of colourful bunting; re-creating a 1940's wartime recipe; producing a victory radio broadcast; and making 3-D models of a street party scene. On Thursday 7th May, we asked pupils to dress in red, white and blue to celebrate this special moment in history. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and we hope you enjoy these photographs of the children enjoying this special occasion. Please keep sending your photographs to us – we love seeing the children enjoying their project work and celebrating at home.



Staff News

Last term Miss Halliwell left Edenfield to resume her teaching career in Bury. I am delighted to announce that we have now recruited Mrs Charles as TA3 and she took up her post with us at the end of April. She has been working in school during the closure and is already part of the team. Mrs Charles has many years' experience working in schools and most recently worked at Tor View as an ASD specialist. I have no doubt she will be an asset to the staff.

In other wonderful news, I am able to announce that Miss Scotland is expecting a baby boy in August. She is currently working from home in isolation but will remain working for school, managing teaching and learning for Class 5, until the end of the summer term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her family. We are currently advertising for a teacher to cover the maternity leave from September but please be aware that no decisions have been made on where teachers will be placed in September, at this point.

Special prayers for this week*Climbing Prayers*

Sometimes, keeping going can feel like climbing a big hill. Find some shoes and think about the things with which you need to persevere and how to keep going at the moment. Put your shoes on and find some stairs or steps. Slowly climb the steps or stairs. As you do this, ask God to help you with those things. If you are doing this as members of your household, then you might want to talk about them and pray together.

Hand Prayers

Using your hand to pray in the following way - see if you can think of things or people to pray for in each part:

We begin with the thumb and pray for those closest to us thanking God for them.

Then we move onto our finger that points and use this to pray for those who point the way in our lives - people like our family or our teachers.

Our middle finger is our strongest finger so we pray for those who lead our country.

The ring finger is the weakest finger so we pray for those who are ill or need special help from God today.

And finally our little finger is used as a reminder to thank God for being with us and pray for ourselves.

Amen

Warm wishes

C. L. Garner

**STARS OF THE WEEK**
Thursday 7th May

Reception Class: Jack Elias Firth, Lucienna Hague

Class 1: Lily Callaghan, Layla Jones

Class 2: Poppy Finn, Isabelle Murray

Class 3: Phoebe Gregson, Marcie Whittles

Class 4: Harry Lord, Francesca Ball

Class 5: Mishel Choudhury, All of Class 5

Class 6: Ellie Ashton, All of Class 6

**STARS OF THE WEEK**
Friday 15th May

Reception Class: Sophie Finn, Sophie Mangham

Class 1: Isabella Martin, Rory Campbell

Class 2: Seth McGrory, Sophia Gray

Class 3: Amber Hudson, Millie Ellison

Class 4: Joshua Keir, Isabelle Archer

Class 5: Ruby McAllister, Finlay Veale

Class 6: Lois Littlewood, Ben Eagles