



# Ellenborough and Ewanrigg Infant School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Re: Reopening of Ellenborough and Ewanrigg Infant School

First, from our homes to yours, we hope that you and your families are all keeping well in these unprecedented times. We hope that you are enjoying the time together and are managing to complete any tasks that are set by your teachers. Thank-you for all the pictures that you have been sending in, they have really cheered us up in these challenging times. The work that children have completed during lockdown has been wonderful. As the school reopens on Monday, we wanted to share with you how we would like children to return to school.



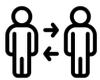
### Drop-off and Pick-up

The school site continues to operate a one-way system. Parents should enter the site via the foot gate on Grasmere Terrace. Children can be dropped off at school any time between 8.30am and 9.00am. Children can be collected from school between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. *Note that these times have changed.*

Each family is only allowed 1 adult to bring children to school.

From the Grasmere Terrace entrance – children should be taken to their classroom door.

Children will be met at the door by a member of staff. You must not cross the marked lines or enter the school building without an appointment with a member of staff. These must be made in advance. Once children have been dropped off, you should leave the site via the foot gate on Victory Crescent.



### Distancing

All adults in the school community should observe social distancing in line with government guidance as much as possible. When moving around the school, social distancing will be maintained and actively encouraged by staff. The government have outlined that they do not expect the youngest children to be able to understand the need for maintain social distancing. To help mitigate this risk and to support children's understanding, staff will regularly discuss with children, and teach the importance of keeping distance. Staff will encourage children to keep space when playing and cleaning routines will remain increased in classrooms.



### Communications

We will continue to communicate with you in the same way as we do currently. Updates will be posted on the Facebook Page with links to relevant letters/information. Where possible, we will follow these communications with an e-mail or text message. It is vitally important that you provide us with your current telephone number and e-mail address, so that we can contact you in case of emergency.



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## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will reopen on Monday. Spaces are limited to key worker families only, and so booking is necessary. Places can be booked via the Breakfast Club page on the school website.



## What happens if a child is self-isolating?

The Department for Education have asked us, as a school, to plan for every eventuality. In the event of a child self-isolating, teachers have prepared resources to continue learning online. This will be similar to the home learning that children have engaged in during the recent lockdown. Teachers will set work and will provide input and give feedback via Seesaw and Dojo, as they have been at present.



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Our guidance on PPE remains the same.

### All adults are required to wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting children.

This is for the safety of other parents and staff. Children are still not required to wear PPE (unless deemed necessary by a member of staff). Currently, staff are required to use PPE when they are providing intimate care, or if they are caring for a child that is suspected of having COVID-19 (while waiting for their parent to collect their child). Staff are now being asked to wear PPE in school where they are unable to maintain social distancing from other adults (such as in corridors or communal areas). This is kept under constant review, and we thank-you for your understanding with this.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this letter carefully. As we have said before, these are challenging, unprecedented and uncharted times for us all. As such, there is no 'pick-up and go plan' that we can lift out of the filing cabinet and use. We continue to develop our plan carefully and we believe that this is the safest way for all families to attend school. As ever, we are here for you. Without you, there is no 'us'. We want to reassure you that we will continue to do everything that we can to support you and your family through these challenging times. Thank-you again, for all that you continue to do to support the school and to engage with us as we slowly move through this pandemic towards some sort of *normality*. We truly are 'working together to make a difference'. Thank-you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hazzard  
Headteacher



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