



Welcome Back!



We would like to wish all of our school community a warm welcome back to Etwall Primary School. What a challenging time it has been! We are so thrilled to have the children back in school and to be back together again. We really look forward to working together to achieve everyone's very best in the year ahead.



Covid-19 Routines

Thank you all for your co-operation with our new routines and procedures. We have put these in place to help to keep everyone as safe as we can. We may still need to tweak them but will always communicate any changes to you as soon as possible.

Keeping you informed...

Unfortunately, there won't be any 'meet the teacher' sessions in September this year. We know how valued these are but I'm sure you understand that they are not possible at the moment. Teachers will communicate all you need to know on Class Dojo instead. If you have any additional questions, please arrange a telephone conversation with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

We will send out diary dates a little later in September.

Congratulations to...

Mrs Randhawa who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in August. We are so pleased for you, Mrs Randhawa!



And also to...

Mrs Collins who has been successful in gaining a promotion and will be moving on to Norbury Primary School as their School Business Officer. We are so thrilled for her but will also be incredibly sad to see her leave.



Mrs Collins, we wish you all the luck in the world and know that you will be brilliant. Your new school are so lucky to have you!

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will not start until October. We are working on ensuring our swimming pool routines and procedures are all covid-secure. It is likely that children will not swim as often as they did previously but we are hoping to re-start some sessions when we are confident that we can do so safely.

Clubs

We hope to get some of our clubs started again after school but these are proving a challenge for us in these difficult times. We have been able to book Soccer Stars and Progressive Sports as they can use our outdoor areas but are currently unable to offer all of our usual clubs.

School Photographs

We all love to look back at school photographs so we are looking at booking these for October. We hope it will be with our usual company but we will keep you informed when we have identified when this can happen. We are unlikely to be able to offer sibling groups unless all siblings are attending Etwall Primary School.

Etwall PTFA

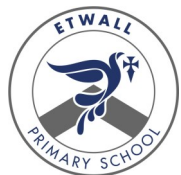


Thanks to our wonderful PTFA for organising entries into the recent balloon race. The PTFA are busy thinking of other creative ways to raise funds for the school. We will keep you posted as to what they are and how you can help.

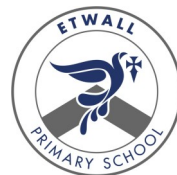
Lunch Menus

We have put the school lunch menu out on Class Dojo. Most days the menu will be as stated but there may be times when changes need to be made. This may sometimes be at short notice so we apologise in advance if this causes any difficulty.

Unfortunately, we will not have any jacket potatoes next week until Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th.



Covid FAQ



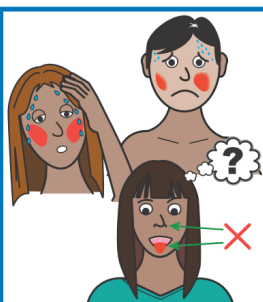
We know that there are many questions about the virus and whether children should be in school. We are by no means experts but are hoping that as we gain more and more experience and information, we can support parents and carers with any decisions that need to be made.

How do I book a test?

For those who are able to go online, use the following web address:

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Symptoms



- A high **temperature**.
- **Feel hot** to touch on your chest or back.
- A **loss or change** in what you can normally **smell or taste**.

24 hours



- A new **continuous cough**.
This means **coughing** a lot for more than one hour or 3 or more coughs in a day.
If you usually have a cough then this might be worse at this time.

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IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE
INTERNET AND NEED TO SPEAK
WITH THE NHS CORONAVIRUS
TESTING SERVICE DIAL 119
FROM ANY PHONE

119 are able to support parents (and schools). They have information in over 650 languages which may be helpful if English is not your first language.

Can my child come to school?

If your child is showing symptoms of the common cold, such as a sore throat or a runny/blocked nose, we are happy to have children in school if they are well enough.

If your child has a temperature, then that is a symptom of coronavirus so they should be tested and the whole household must isolate whilst awaiting the results. A negative results means that isolation can stop and the child can then return to school when they are well enough, as long as it is 48 hours after the fever.

What if my child has asthma?

If your child usually has a cough because they have asthma, they can still come to school because it is not a new, unexplained cough. However, if their cough is worse than usual, then please consider this to be a symptom of covid and follow the guidance by booking a test and isolating.

Do schools have testing kits available?

School have been provided with a very small number of testing kits. We can only hand these out in exceptional circumstances where we believe that otherwise the child would not be tested. Whilst there are continued issues with booking tests, if you find you need to book a test and can't, please contact us in school to see if we are able to provide a testing kit. We cannot administer these ourselves.

What happens if my child needs to self-isolate?

Over the coming weeks, if your child has to isolate but is well enough to work, we will provide work/guidance for your child on Class Dojo. Please let your child's class teacher know using when you need work providing because of isolation, rather than illness. You can send a message to the teacher on Class Dojo or ring the school office to inform us.