

# ESSEX PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Re: September School Opening**

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

You are aware that the Government has announced that all schools will be fully reopen for all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum from September 2020.

We are excited to welcome your child/children to Essex Primary.

At Essex our first and most important principle for reopening is safety. We believe that we can reopen for your child in a safe way and that returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. A detailed risk assessment has been completed to minimise the risk of infection. This risk assessment can be found on the school website: [www.essex.newham.sch.uk](http://www.essex.newham.sch.uk). Please find below some information regarding our reopening strategy:

- We have divided our pupils into year group bubbles.
- We will be constantly reminding pupils and staff of strict hygiene, verbally and with signs and resources around the school. Each person will need to wash / sanitize their hands before entering a new room. An enhanced cleaning schedule will be in place.
- Pupils can sit next to each other and work together, but not face to face, and they should not touch. Pupils should also stay 2m away from all staff at all times.
- We have also arranged for year group bubbles to have break and lunch at staggered times. All lunches will now be served in the dinner halls.
- Pupils will be engaging in a full curriculum. Practical subjects have adapted their practises to ensure safety.
- The Government have asked that pupils stay away from public transport if possible, to minimise risk of infection, so we are encouraging pupils to walk or cycle to school. However, pupils who need to travel on public transport will need to wear face coverings. This website will provide different videos for a range of face coverings and how to keep your child and others safe. Please note that pupils will not be allowed to wear face masks/covering in school.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>



- We have also staggered our start and finish times. The table below indicates the start and finish times for each year group as well and their entry and exit gates.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>	<b>Entry and Exit Gates for Pupils</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Tuesday 8th September 2020	9:00am 12:30pm	11:45am 3:00pm	Nursery Gate on Sheridan Road
<b>Reception</b>	Monday 7th September 2020	8:45am 1:00pm	12:00pm 3:00pm	Reception Gate on Ruskin Avenue
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday 8th September 2020	9:00am	3:15pm	Ruskin Avenue Gate
<b>Year 2</b>	Monday 7th September 2020	8:45am	3:00pm	KS1 Gate on Sheridan Road
<b>Year 3</b>	Tuesday 8th September 2020	9:00am	3:15pm	Essex Road Gate
<b>Year 4</b>	Monday 7th September 2020	8:45am	3:00pm	Essex Road Gate
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday 8th September 2020	9:00am	3:15pm	KS2 Gate on Sheridan Road
<b>Year 6</b>	Monday 7th September 2020	8:45am	3:00pm	at KS2 Gate on Sheridan Road

**Dress Code:** School Uniform

All of this information will be shared with your child on their first day.

Please note that no parents will be allowed on site. Please do not come to school if you or your child is showing any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of the above symptoms and to protect others, get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

I would also like to encourage all Newham residents to download the NHS test and trace app, using your unique code provided to you by the local council.

We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Yours sincerely,

*C.Mojzes*

Cecilia Mojzes  
**Executive Head Teacher**

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**Chair of Governors**