



Dear parents, carers and children,

There is no doubt that you will be aware (and maybe worried) about the announcement of a second national lockdown last night.

There are a lot of opinions expressed on social media about whether schools should be open or not. I just want to reassure you, once again, that we are confident in the measures we have put into place will keep the risk of children or staff contracting Covid-19 while in school as low as possible. We will go through all our procedures with the children again tomorrow. In order to help us continue to keep school safe, please be mindful of the following

- Stick to the times given for your children to come into school. We have noticed that a few of you are not abiding by this and this increases the risks for everyone with having too many people on site
- If you are in the first drop off time, do not come early and crowd around the gate
- Stick to 2 m distancing in the street while waiting at any time
- Where possible, only one person to drop off or collect children, do not mix with anyone from other households
- Do not linger in the playground for any reason - we have told children that at this current time, they cannot play in the playground at home-time and we would like you to reinforce this also.
- Drop your children off and leave the grounds immediately
- Y3/4 parents please stand on allocated dots where possible
- Mrs Coates, Mrs Hardie and I will be in the playground to ensure children are safe until the gates are locked but please do not use this time to talk to us at length. I don't want to be rude but I must insist my staff do not get close to any parents/visitors for their own safety and for yours. If you do need to talk about anything, please keep your distance or ring the school office and leave a message. Someone will always ring you back.
- As staff are on the gate, you are welcome to leave Y3/4 children at the gate should you wish to. This is your choice and we will always support your decision

Please remember that we are all doing our best and we will as Team Elliston always does. If you have any concerns or questions, please ring and speak to one of us. We would rather you do that than worry.

When the official guidance comes out from the government ready for Thursday, we will keep you informed on any changes that are needed, if any.

In the meantime, Elliston is open for business as normal. Tomorrow will be just like any other day for us all and certainly for your children. We will do everything we can to ensure they are safe, happy and are able to continue with their learning. They have been absolute superstars since we came back in September - a real credit to you and the work you do at home to educate them about the ways to behave in the current climate. You should be very proud of them.

Enjoy the rest of today - we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Love from

Mrs Patterson x