



Arrivals and Departures Policy

**COVID-safe amendments for
implementation September 2020**

Endeavour Primary Academy

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This policy is part of the school's policies for safeguarding children.

Our school will give a warm and friendly welcome to each child on arrival and ensure that they depart safely at the end of each session.

Arrivals

It is the responsibility of staff to ensure that an accurate record is kept of all children in school, and that any arrival or departure to and from the premises is recorded in the Office. Similarly, when a child arrives late, parents must report to the Office.

Records of daily registers are kept by the school for the recommended years by Local Authority.

Members of staff will be on duty at the main gate and entrance doors from 8.40am – 9.10am each day to enable the staggered arrival of the year group bubbles (8.40am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils; 8.50am: Year 3 and Year 4 pupils; 9.00am: Year 5 and Year 6 pupils). Where there are siblings in different year groups, to prevent groups having to wait/gather on the school grounds, all members of the same family will enter and leave school at the times designated for the youngest sibling. Teachers will have flexible arrangements in place from 8.40am in order to facilitate children arriving into classrooms.

Only one adult per family is permitted on site at arrival and drop off time. Siblings attending other schools are not permitted currently.

In line with government guidance on the wider re-opening of schools, parents/carers are asked to make an appointment at the office to discuss any concerns etc with the member of staff and not approach them on the playground or at the school doors.

Teaching staff will be available in classrooms to greet the children and ensure a good start to the day. On arrival, a member of staff will record the child's attendance in the daily register children arriving after the gates have closed MUST come to the front reception window where arrangements will be made to admit the child into school.

Attendance officers will endeavor to contact the parents/carers of any children not accounted for by 9.30 am to ensure the child is ill and unable to attend ensuring parents and school know where children are at all times.

Looked After children [LAC] and children with Child Protection [CP] plans who are absent will be notified to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead in her absence) as a matter of priority. The parent/carer of children attending other schools for alternative provision will be asked to notify us if the child is going to be absent as well as informing the alternative provider.

The attendance officer will notify the headteacher and endeavour to work with families of any child who has unsatisfactory attendance and a pattern of non-attendance on certain days of the week.

Gates

The main gates to the playground will be locked at 9.10am. The main pedestrian gate at the front of the school will be used during the day to restrict access and protect the staff and children.

At 3.50pm the main gates will be unlocked and will be re-locked at 3.30pm when the majority of the children have left the premises. The main car park gates will be opened to allow families to

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exit school following the one-way system and prevent 'pinch-points' at the pedestrian gate. Parents should not be driving onto the school site at this time.

Departures

Teachers will escort their own class out of school every night.

If the children are to be collected by someone other than the parent/carer, this must be indicated to a member of staff before 2.45pm. Only adults (or those in school years 12 or 13 aged 16 years and over) will be authorised to collect children.

All children in year groups from Nursery up to and including Y4 are to be collected by adults. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are able to walk home at the end of the day once school have received confirmation in writing by the parent/carer. The school reserves the right to refuse permission for a child to walk home alone depending on the distance and concerns the school may have at that time.

All children must be collected from after school clubs by an adult (or those in school years 12 or 13 aged 16 years and over) unless the child is in Year 5 or 6 and written permission is given for the child to walk home.

No adult other than those named will be allowed to leave the school with a child. In the event that someone else should arrive without prior knowledge, the school will telephone the parent/carer immediately and await their advice.

If a child is to be collected before the end of the school day, the school is to be notified no later than on the same morning and the appointment letter/card to be shown to school. On arrival to school to collect the child the parent/carer will report to the office staff. The child will then be brought, by staff, to the parent/carer to be taken home.

If the parent/carer or alternative nominated adult is going to be late to collect their child, the school office must be informed. If no one arrives to collect a child and the parent cannot be contacted within half an hour of the end of the school day, the school will contact social services to inform them we have an uncollected child on the premises.