



## June 2020 Newsletter

### Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

It seems a very long time since Enfield was alive with the sound of **all** of our children and staff.

We look forward to a time when we will all be re-united together as one big Enfield team.

I just wanted to 'touch base' with all of our families – especially those who are busily working at home, who may not know what is happening on our school site.

Enfield has been open throughout the pandemic, welcoming children into the hall, which has become the teaching, learning, eating and play base for our critical worker and priority children – in addition to the great outdoors! This will continue.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, we will also be welcoming back some children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, with a staggered start - Reception on Monday (in Robin Class), Year 1 on Tuesday (in Kestrel Class) and Year 6 on Wednesday (in Eagle Class).

### Lots of things have changed:

The start and finish times of the school day are different for each year group, for social distancing.

Our playground has been marked with red lines 2m apart, in case children need to queue up to enter the building. Our field is about to have zones marked out, so children in different classes / bases have separate play areas. Parents are not allowed onto our main school site – contact the office via telephone where possible; use the intercom system **ONLY** at the main door, if required, in exceptional circumstances.

Classrooms contain only a few tables and chairs at two metres apart.

Children spend lots of time every day washing their hands.

Children can only be with each other, if they try to stay 2 metres apart.

Children in each different teaching base will spend all of their time within it and outdoors, and **NO** time with children in other groups. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms.

### Lots of things remain the same:

Many things may have changed, but some have not – I still see children and staff smiling and working hard. I hear laughter and kind words. I feel pride, knowing that wherever you may be spending your days, you will always be trying to be the very best version of yourselves that you can be.

Stay safe – we miss you all.

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### Lunches / Voucher Scheme

From 8<sup>th</sup> June, meal charges will be reinstated for all pupils that are not eligible for a free school meal or universal infant free school meal; this includes for children of critical/key workers. The school meal menus have been updated by Mellors and can be accessed via the school website; the price of a meal remains at £2.25 per day.

You can of course opt to send your child with a packed lunch from that date if you prefer.

Free school meals - including vouchers - will remain available for eligible pupils that are required to stay at home during this pandemic. If your child is educated in one of the year groups identified to return to school, and you choose not to send your child, then they will not be entitled to a free school meal or voucher.

### Attendance

Once your child has returned to school in R, Y1 or Y6, you will be expected to inform the school office, if he/she is absent for any reason, as per the usual routine before the closure – phone school on tel. 321434 ASAP and before 9.30am. If you have requested a place in one of the specified year groups above and your child fails to attend without an explanation, your child's place may be withdrawn and given to another child.

### Punctuality

It is absolutely essential that the starting times for each year group are adhered to, to avoid contact with another class group. Latecomers will not have access through the main office, except by prior arrangement. Do not arrive earlier than 5 minutes before the start time.

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### From Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June – Key Worker pupils (hall)

Please inform the school if your child is absent due to illness, as per the usual routine before the closure – as outlined above.

If you have requested a place as a critical /key worker and your child does not turn up, as per your request, your child's place may be withdrawn and given to another child, as we are close to capacity on certain days.

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### Illness

If your child or anyone in your family displays the symptoms of covid19, or tests positive for covid19, please inform the school at your earliest opportunity and keep your child at home.

**DO NOT** send your child into school, if he/she displays any symptoms of illness.

Remember that all family members will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child feels unwell while at school, you will be contacted to collect him/her immediately. Your child will be isolated away from others.

### Reports

Your children's annual reports will be emailed to you within the next few weeks.

The format will look different from usual, due to government changes in requirements.

### Staffing Update

We welcome our new site manager, Mr Ross, following Mr Bywater's retirement.

We also welcome Mrs Mann to our team, as our Teaching Assistant in Robin Class.

And we say a fond farewell to Mrs Cook, from Robin Class, as we wish her well in the future.