



July 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I cannot ever remember the end of a school academic year like this one - the events and annual rituals missed (sports days, parent evenings, PGL, the summer fair and the Year 6 Leavers' assembly to name but a few) and the strange emptiness of classrooms and corridors with so few children in the building.

We are delighted that all of our children will be back together again in September and we are so looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

The teachers have been planning many exciting topics and have been busy ensuring the classrooms are ready for the big return. Many things we have taken for granted for so long will be different, but we aim to ensure that everyone will feel safe and happy to be back at Enfield.

We are saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils tomorrow, with a socially distanced event on site. We are so sad for our Year 6 pupils and how the pandemic has stolen the last months of their normal primary education— let us hope there is never another year like this one. We all wish you a very fond farewell and all the best for the future.

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Home Learning Tips

The Department for Education has brought out some handy tips for learning at home. If you wish to continue teaching over the summer, please read page 2; otherwise please save it for next term, in case of a further emergency closure.

New beginnings - Goodbye at the gate

Following the great success of those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, who returned to school in June, we wish to share an idea, which enabled a smooth transition back into school on the first and subsequent days this term: we ask that you practise a routine for saying goodbye to your child and then promptly walk away. If you can practise this daily and often, from now, the entry back into school at the gate will be much easier for you both to manage. Please discuss this with your child – be open and honest so that they know what to expect: they will say goodbye to you (one adult only per child) at the gate and walk in an orderly queue to the classroom, while trying to maintain a social distance.

Journeys to and from school

Please remember that in September, lots of children and adults will be out and about during the return to school. As parents, please take responsibility to maintain social distancing on school journeys, to keep our school community safe. The government is encouraging as many children as possible to cycle / walk to school and avoid the use of public transport. Pupils should travel to school individually OR with members of their own household only.

Diary Dates

Tues 1 Sep	Staff training day
Wed 2 Sep	Robin A return at 8.45am Kingfisher return at 9am Owl return at 9.15am
Thurs 3 Sep	Robin B return at 8.45am Chaffinch return at 8.45am Kingfisher continue at 9am Owl continue at 9.15am Kestrel return at 9am Eagle return at 9.15am
Fri 4 Sep	All Robin return at 8.45am All other classes continue
Fri 25 Sep	Individual photos
Fri 16 Oct	Break up for half-term
Mon 2 Nov	Children return
Fri 18 Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 4 Jan	Children return

Lunches

Our catering provider, Mellors, is able to offer a full lunch menu, with daily choices, which has been updated for our return in September 2020.

Please note that if you missed the ordering deadline of midnight on Sunday 12th July for ParentPay, you will need to provide your child with packed lunches for the first two weeks. Unfortunately, the system appears to allow parents to book after the deadline, so many parents assume that their orders have been accepted. This is not the case – the numbers are automatically calculated at the deadline of midnight. This is out of the school's control.

Please order lunches on ParentPay, by midnight on Sunday 6th September, for the week beginning 14th September.

Staffing Update

We are saying a fond farewell to Miss Forrester, who leaves us for pastures new, at the end of this term. She has done a fantastic job, creating our garden area outside and developing many ideas for outdoor learning. She has inspired a new generation of gardeners at Enfield! She will be sorely missed.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Burnett (Teaching Assistant) in September as a permanent member of staff.

Home education: tips for parents

Tips to support home education

Here are 6 handy tips to support and guide your child's home education:

1. Keep it simple

Aim to support your child's education with a small number of high-quality resources that you can keep coming back to as part of a weekly routine. This familiarity will help both you and your child get to grips with the challenge of home education with greater confidence.

2. Find your home education routines

Consistent routines are important for supporting behaviour and creating a new rhythm for home education. You could share [this video on supporting routines](#) with your child. Talk to them to help them plan their new routines and share the strategies you are using at home too.

3. Look for the positives

When your child is engaging with home education, try and catch them doing things right and praise this behaviour. Celebrate their successes, whether that is:

- concentrating well
- reading skillfully
- working hard on a tricky science activity

4. Encourage planning and reflection

A helpful study tip is to talk through with your child a '5-minute plan', before they begin an activity, to try and make sure they understand what they need to do.

5. Support your child to manage their own education

After you have decided upon a high-quality resource, support your child to get organised and to best manage their time. Talk to them about:

- how long they may need to complete a task
- what resources may be required
- how confident they feel about the task

6. Encourage your child to talk about what they are studying

Every child will gain from talking about their education and positively sharing your interest. For older children in particular, encouragement and interest is more important than any direct involvement in what they are studying. You could use the [TRUST technique](#) to help you talk with your child about their education.

(These tips have been adapted from the best available evidence from [Education Endowment Foundation guidance reports](#))