



# Edmonton County School

## *Educating our Community for Success*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very pleased to be writing to you about our plans for a full re-opening this September for all of our students. Along with your support, our staff have worked tirelessly to provide learning resources, homework tasks, feedback and advice for students throughout school closures. However, this is not a sustainable situation and nor is it a long-term substitute for students being in school. Additionally, children benefit from the routine of school life and need to see their friends and teachers. It is for these reasons that the Government requires all schools to be fully re-open from September. The full guidance can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools)

I hope that you are looking forward to this next step towards 'normality', but naturally this comes with possible worries, concerns and questions you will want answered and explained.

### **Do I have to send my child to school?**

The Government has stated that all children must return to school in September. We will follow our usual attendance and punctuality procedures unless you have a shielding letter from a GP that outlines why your child should not be at school; this will need to be provided as evidence. Please notify the school of any reason for your child's absence, either via the attendance line or through Weduc. This is crucial for understanding if there are any outbreaks of students with COVID symptoms.

### **What date will my child start school in September?**

The new school term officially starts on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for students. However, there will be staggered start dates to enable all new students (in Years 7 and 12) to have an induction day and to ensure that all year groups are fully briefed regarding our expectations and the way the school day will be structured next term. For full details, please see the separate letters regarding student induction days on the school website.

<b>Year</b>	<b>First day in school</b>	<b>Arrival time on first day</b>	<b>End of first day</b>
7	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	8:15 am	3:00 pm
8	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8:15 am	3:00 pm
9	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8:30 am	3:00 pm
10	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8:45 am	3:00 pm
11	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9:00 am	4:00 pm
12	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	8:30 am	12:30 pm
13	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	1:00 pm	4:00 pm

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## How will my child be kept safe?

- In September, we will be 'zoning' the buildings and creating year group 'bubbles' on each campus to reduce interactions between students:
  - Bubbles will not come into close contact with each other which will help keep the school safe. Each bubble will be taught the majority of their lessons in their designated zone.
  - The Sixth Form (both Year 12 and 13) will be considered to be a single 'bubble' but taught in a number of distinct zones across both of our campuses; Sixth Form students will be able to move between the two campuses.
  - Teachers will move from bubble to bubble to teach, but will remain socially distanced at the front of the room and will be asked to socially distance from each other.
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated and desks will be arranged so that students sit side-to-side rather than face-to-face.
- Specialist equipment and practical teaching spaces will be cleaned or quarantined for 48 hours between use by students from different bubbles.
- Students must bring their own basic stationary and equipment to school (listed in student journals) so that equipment is not shared between students and between staff and students. ***Students should not bring in any other unnecessary items.***
- Breaks and lunch times will be staggered so that only two bubbles are using designated playground areas and only one bubble at a time will be able to use the canteen facilities.
- We will be expecting students and staff to maintain good respiratory hygiene – the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Posters around the school will serve as regular reminders.
- Once pupils are in school, they will wash or sanitise their hands regularly, including before entering each classroom, before and after they eat, and whenever they return from break or lunch.
- Any first aid required by students will be administered by a trained member of staff using the appropriate PPE.
- ***It is vital that we have accurate and up-to-date contact information so that we can easily contact parents / carers in case of an emergency. Please let the school office know of any changes.***

## Will school uniform be required?

Yes, a full school uniform, with student ID and lanyard, is required but this must be clean and fresh at all times for health and hygiene reasons.

Students will ***not*** be able to use the PE changing rooms, so ***on days when your child has a PE lesson they should come to school wearing the correct Edmonton County PE kit along with their ID and lanyard***, which they will be allowed to wear for the whole day.

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## Will face masks be required?

We are following the latest Government advice regarding face coverings.

- Students **can** wear face masks travelling to and from school (and **must** do so on public transport); plain black / blue
- Students **cannot** wear face masks on the school premises:
  - current DfE guidance states that “*face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided*”
  - the ECS zoning system makes the wearing of face masks in corridors unnecessary

## Will the school day be the same as in previous years?

No, start and finish times will be different for all year groups to enable everyone to come into school and leave safely and to minimise contact between different groups of children and parents. There will also be staggered break and lunch times for each year group. This model is based on Government guidance, will start in September and continue until further notice. **Except for the first day of term** (see above), the start and finish times for each year group are as follows:

Year	Start of school day	End of school day
7	8:30 am (arrive from 8:20 am and line up)	2:40 pm
8	8:30 am (arrive from 8:20 am and line up)	2:40 pm
9	8:40 am (arrive from 8:30 am and line up)	3:00 pm (2:50 pm Fri)
10	8:40 am (arrive from 8:30 am and line up)	3:00 pm (2:50 pm Fri)
11	8:50 am (arrive from 8:40 am and line up)	4:00 pm (15:10 pm Thu)
12	8:50 am (arrive from 8:40 am)	3:00 pm
13	8:50 am (arrive from 8:40 am)	3:00 pm

To ensure the safety of students and staff by minimising the mixing of children in different bubbles, **it is important the students only arrive at school during the times listed above.** Students will not be allowed into school early, and will not be allowed to stay on site after school unless this is for a timetabled activity or for a detention.

## Will there be any changes in how children are taught?

As usual, students will have a Form Tutor, Progress Leader and Student Manager to support them. Our plans ensure that students should expect the same breadth of study and pastoral care that they are used to at school. No time has been cut from the school day and no subjects have been removed from the curriculum. However, there may be some reduction in opportunities for practical lessons as the availability of these facilities will be limited due to the zoning system and the need for cleaning practical spaces between use by different year group bubbles.

We will only be able to offer a limited range of after-school clubs at this time, and these will be specific to single year group bubbles.

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## How will my child be supported to catch up with missed work?

Our subject leaders have been planning for a 'recovery curriculum' which will allow students in all years to catch up with the majority of work missed due to school closures by the end of the Key Stage. Additionally:

- The calendar for next term has been amended to minimise interruptions to teaching
- In most subjects, an additional hour per fortnight of teaching time has been timetabled for Year 13 students.
- For Year 11 students, there will be a **compulsory** period 6 lesson on most days of the week, finishing at 4pm:

	BURY CAMPUS		CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS	
	Week A	Week B	Week A	Week B
Monday	Science / R&L	R&L / Science	Science / R&L	R&L / Science
Tuesday	English	Maths	Maths	English
Wednesday	Option B1	Option B2	Option C2	Option C1
Thursday	No Period 6 due to staff meetings (intervention group/s by invitation only)			
Friday	Humanities	Triple Science (+ intervention group/s by invitation only)	Triple Science (+ intervention group/s by invitation only)	Humanities

## Will the school be providing a breakfast club and lunch?

The school will be providing lunch, however for at least the first half term this will be a cold ('grab-bag') option only. Alternatively, you may choose to send your child to school with a healthy pack lunch. The water fountains will be switched off, so it is important that students bring their own water to school.

Unfortunately, at this time we will not be able to provide a breakfast club provision as this would involve students from different bubbles coming into contact with each other in school. It is important that your child has a healthy breakfast before attending school.

## What happens if my child becomes unwell at school?

When a child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (a temperature or a cough) they will be sent home.

Parents / carers will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) for your child if they are displaying symptoms. Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

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- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

***We will ask parents and staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test:***

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. I hope that our work over this difficult period has shown how committed we are to supporting your children. If there are any questions that may not have been addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email [info@edmonton.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:info@edmonton.enfield.sch.uk)

Finally, I hope you have been able to have a relaxing summer break; we look forward to welcoming you all back, safe and well, this week.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Miller

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