



## **EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Friends Together, Learn Forever**

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Dear parent / carer,

The Welsh Government has now issued more guidance for schools to reopen.

We are currently working on a very detailed school plan for Eastern, with safety as the priority. You will want to know what is happening. You must have so many questions right now.

- The school plan has to be agreed by our director of education.
- Now the guidance has been provided we have some more answers to help us plan further and there is a great deal to prepare.
- Staff have resolved a lot of the problems already and we are constantly asking each other questions to find best ways of working with your children.
- Once our plan is finalised with governors and agreed by the director we will make this available to you in time for the reopen.
- We have provided a questions page on our school website. This page has been tested but we anticipate problems when we have an influx of questions from everyone. So, please be patient with us. We have not had to deal with anything like this before so we are all learning together to make the school a safe and happy place for the children again. You may not get an answer to your question straight away as it takes time for the question to come through to us, and also, we may be in planning meetings to get answers ourselves. If we do not yet know the answer to the question we will state this. There may be a time when a question is answered but we have found a better solution when the plan is finalised. Please read answers to questions to ensure we are not answering the same questions for all parents.

The question page can be found by going to the main page of the website. Go to the parent page and you will see 'ask a question'. We will try to answer what we can to help you.

### So what has been happening so far?

- Staff are redesigning classrooms on paper for 2m social distancing.
- Small numbers of staff are now able to go into school for short periods of time.
- Fire alarms have been checked.
- Lighting has been checked
- Electrical items will be checked on Friday
- Water checks are currently in process. No results as yet. School cannot open if the water needs treatment.
- Shed ordered for the yard to store surplus furniture that will come out of classrooms.
- Signs and notices for 2m distancing and handwashing have been ordered
- Handwash and sanitizer stock is ready
- Online learning is being modified and improved for longer term use. Online learning at home will continue into the Autumn term and beyond due to the reduced numbers in school.
- Home learning is to continue as well as the communication support for our families.

Please take care and continue to stay safe. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Louise Jefford