



EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent / carer,

I am writing to all parents of pupils who receive additional support in school with an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

As your child is on the additional learning needs (ALN) register it is important that we consider your child's needs for the reopening of school. Understandably, you have additional questions about how your child will cope and what school will look like for them.

Before you read on, please be reassured that if you choose not to send your child into school, we will continue with home learning and the teachers will continue to contact you for support at home. You will not be fined!

School will look very different and we are aware that many of our ALN pupils will not cope well and this will raise anxieties. So what will school look like? Very very different!

- Classrooms are very bare. They have very little furniture. This is to avoid surfaces being touched.
- There are six pupil work stations in each class. Your child will need to be able to sit at this work station throughout the day. At the moment, the children will also need to eat lunch at this table too.
- The teacher has a work zone that will be clearly marked out. Pupils will not be allowed to enter this work zone. This is to keep your child safe.
- Pupils will not be able to move freely around the classroom as they have been used to. This is to adhere to the 2m social distancing guidelines.
- Pupils will not be able to touch other pupils or their teacher. This, I feel, is one of the hardest things as we are a very caring nurturing school.
- Pupils will have to follow a one way system around the school. When they visit the toilet they will need to leave the building at one end and come back into the school through the back door to get into the toilet. This is because our corridors are too narrow for 2m social distancing.
- Pupils will have markers to stop at before they can move on. This is to ensure that they do not get too close to the person ahead when walking in a line.

This gives you an idea of what measures we have had to put in place. Pupils diagnosed with ASD or any anxiety issues will inevitably find this extremely hard. Pupils with speech and language difficulties will also find this hard as there will be a lot of changes for them to understand. Pupils with ALN find change hard.

Parents will be asked soon to make their decision about their child returning to school. Over the weekend, please give it some thought and speak to your family. If you want to discuss things further with your child's teacher / myself / or Mrs Thomas please let us know via school email or school mobiles.

Keep safe

Louise Jefford

***If you would like a copy of this letter with
enlarged print please let us know.***

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