



EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent / carer,

Firstly, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families and staff at school. The return to school was a worrying time for us all, but it has been successful, due to your support as parents and the dedication of staff.

Now we face our next challenge. You may be aware that the education minister for Wales made an announcement this afternoon instructing all schools to ensure that all pupils return by September 14th. Although schools open on September 1st, she has allowed us two weeks to make plans for the pupils' return. She stated that pupils can return in 'bubble groups' of up to 30, and they must *all* return for every day of the week. She stated that this is safe, as the risks of transmitting the virus in young children is minimal. She also stated that she will be providing further guidance for schools early next week.

This is another big change for us at school and we will need to take time to plan this carefully and continue to minimise risks for all our families. With just five days left this does not allow us time to provide you with all the information that you will need before we close for the summer holidays. I will endeavour to get as much information to you as possible, when I can, and if necessary, I will provide further information over the summer break.

For those pupils who are shielding due to medical conditions, we are seeking further advice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to use the questions page on our school website. If your question is a personal one, I can answer this directly without it being displayed for everyone to see. If it is a general question that others may need to know then I will post the question and answer in order to help all parents.

Many thanks

Louise Jefford

