



## Eastbury Community School

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### Dear Families

I hope you and your families had as good a half term as could be expected given the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in.

As we enter a second national lockdown from Thursday November 5, 2020 it is extremely important that we all work together to keep our families, colleagues and community safe. Please remember if your child, or someone in your household, has covid symptoms, it is vital that your child stays at home. The person with symptoms needs to be tested as soon as possible (you can book a test by calling 119 or visiting [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)). Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child has symptoms and when they started; we will also need to know immediately if your child tests positive so that we can work with Public Health to take all the necessary steps in school to keep everybody safe.

I know we are at a time of increased anxiety. Can I reassure you that we are doing all that we can to keep everybody in school safe. It is vitally important we all remember the basics and follow the rules and continue to:

- HANDS - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- FACE - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- SPACE - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- VENTILATE – We are following the advice to keep rooms well ventilated, this may mean that rooms are cooler than usual. Can you please ensure your child has a school jumper and we will allow pupils to wear their coats in school when needed.

Please regularly visit the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) and our website (<http://www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk/>) for the latest updates. It is very important that you check our website each morning before leaving for school. **We are experiencing external problems with our website and can I thank you for your patience while we work with our provider to resolve these. We have now got the basic parts of our website running again and we will make every effort to get the latest news onto the website before 08:00 AM.** This applies to weather conditions as well as Covid related issues.

### Covid Testing in School

We are one of 150 nationally that has been chosen randomly to trial mass covid testing in schools using non-intrusive and simple tests. The method involves a saliva test and a small swab just inside the nose, and is different from those used at testing centres. During the week starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November all of primary age children and pupils in years 9 and 10 will be offered a covid test, it is completely confidential and entirely voluntary; and as parents / carers you will need to give your consent and you will receive the result within 72 hours. You will obviously have more questions and



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more information will be provided for you in the coming week, and once you are happy you will be able to make a decision as to whether your child is tested. The confidential data obtained will help the school, and public health nationally, develop a much fuller understanding of covid and schools, and is very much in the national interest.

### Wilmington Gardens

Transport for London introduced the new travel restrictions for drivers who use Wilmington Gardens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Can I thank you for following these and early indications are that there has been a big improvement in street safety. Full details in their updates to you and you can find the letter from TFL [here](#).

### Key reminders

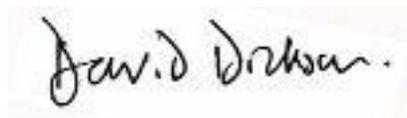
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Last day of Winter Term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 Christmas Holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – First day of Spring term - normal School Day (Please do not forget to check the website in case of any changes during the holiday)

### Please stay safe

Yours sincerely,



David Dickson - Executive Head teacher

**For all of our latest updates and guidance please regularly visit our website.**

**Update on masks / face coverings** – Thank you to families who are ensuring their child has a face mask / covering; can I ask that guidance is followed and that you provide a small plastic bag to store it in when not being used, and to carry a spare. If you require any financial assistance with meeting this request please contact Mrs Primus.

PARENTS, KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE	PARENTS, HELP KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN
When dropping your child off, or waiting to pick them up, you must:	Do not send your child to school if:
 wear a face mask (unless you have an exemption)	 they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
 keep at least 2 metres away from others	 someone in their household is showing symptoms
	 they should be self-isolating, because they have recently travelled to a country on the quarantine list
	