



Eastbury Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our attendance continues to improve and this week it is 96%. Thank you for your continued support in valuing your children's education and bringing your child to school everyday. We are proud that we still have one of the highest percentages for attendance within the borough.

Updated Government Guidance

From Saturday 17th October, Barking and Dagenham will be under local restrictions, in the Tier 2 (high alert) category for England. More details can be found on the Barking and Dagenham and government websites using these links below:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-high>

It is very important that you are following the guidance around the collection and pick up time for your child:

<u>Start/End Times</u>	Start of Day			
	Surname A-F	Surname G-L	Surname M-R	Surname S-Z
	8.45-8.50am	8.50-8.55am	8.55-9.00am	9.00-9.05am
	End of the day			
	Surname A-F	Surname G-L	Surname M-R	Surname S-Z
	3.10-3.15pm	3.15-3.20pm	3.20-3.25pm	3.25-3.30pm

Accelerated Reader

Reading transports curious minds to wondrous realms of the imagination. It determines success not only in the classroom, but in life. Highly popular and successful for over 25 years, Accelerated Reader (AR) is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice, and we are proud to have launched it within our school.

AR encourages substantial differentiated reading practice to create strong readers. Based on each student's independent reading level, AR helps teachers set personalised goals for each student, and guide students to books that are difficult enough to keep them challenged, but not so difficult as to cause frustration.



Accelerated Reader – Rewards

We have implemented a set of rewards to celebrate our Reading Champions!

- Certificates and Reading Champion Badges will be awarded at the end of every half term. There will be 2 reading champions from each class every half term.
- The class with the most Accelerated Reading points, at the end of each half term, will receive an extra break time.
- The child with the most Accelerated Reading points at the end of each term will receive a £10 gift voucher.
- The top 10 children with Accelerated Reader points at the end of the year will be invited to a trip to the British library (COVID dependent).

You can find more information on our website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk/Accelerated-Reader>.

Grass

We are extremely excited to announce that the grass is being re-turfed as you have probably noticed whilst dropping and picking up your children up from school. However, due to poor weather conditions it has not been able to be completed. The children are eager to start using the grass for playing and learning opportunities.

Self-Isolating

If there is a need for children to self-isolate, they will be provided with a learning pack to be completed. This will be emailed to you by a member of the office staff. If you require a printout of the pack, please call and let us know and we will post it out. **DO NOT** leave your house or come to school under any circumstance if you or your household are required to self-isolate.

Parent Representative

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer to be a Parent Class Representatives. This is a great way to help parents/carers keep informed about class activities and remind families of upcoming school or class events. Each year group will have one representative who will meet with Ms Raymond and members of the Leadership Team fortnightly.

If you would like to volunteer as a Parent Class Representative, please ask the office for a copy of the letter, which will have a slip that needs to be returned by Thursday 22nd October 2020.

Friday

School will close for all children on Thursday 22nd October at normal time. School will be closed on Friday 23rd October – this will be a Staff Training Day.

Half Term

Half term holiday will be from Monday 26th-Friday 30th October. School reopens for all children on Monday 2nd November at normal time.

Key Dates for next half term

Event	Date
Autumn Term 2 begins	Monday 02 nd November 2020
Autumn Virtual Parents Evening	Wednesday 18 th November 2020 • 3.30pm-6.00pm Thursday 19 th November 2020 • 3.30pm-6.00pm
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday January 01 st 2021

We will let you know if there are any changes and will remind you of event/s and details closer to the time.

Reception Parents Evening

Reception have taken a different approach to Parent's evening this year and are meeting with a handful of parents on a weekly basis. This has been very successful with lots of positive feedback received. Parents will be notified of their date/time a week in advance.

Coffee Morning – Date Change

A reminder that our next virtual Coffee Morning will take place at 9.30am on the 20th October. Please email me before with any questions via email at ara@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk

Topic: Coffee Morning

Time: Oct 20, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89262182836?pwd=cWU0cm15SUZ2MmlGMHdXR055cVJ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 892 6218 2836

Passcode: 809029

Look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,



Ms. A Raymond

Head of Primary

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Face Coverings

Thank you all for your support wearing face coverings when you are dropping/picking up your child(ren) from school whilst on the school site. Please also continue to keep socially distance and stick to your staggered drop off/pick up time. To ensure its effectiveness, it is vital that parents arrive punctually and not before or after your child's staggered start/end time.

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Covid-19 Symptoms

Please can you ensure that you do not bring your child(ren) to school if any member of the household are displaying any of the main symptoms of the coronavirus.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

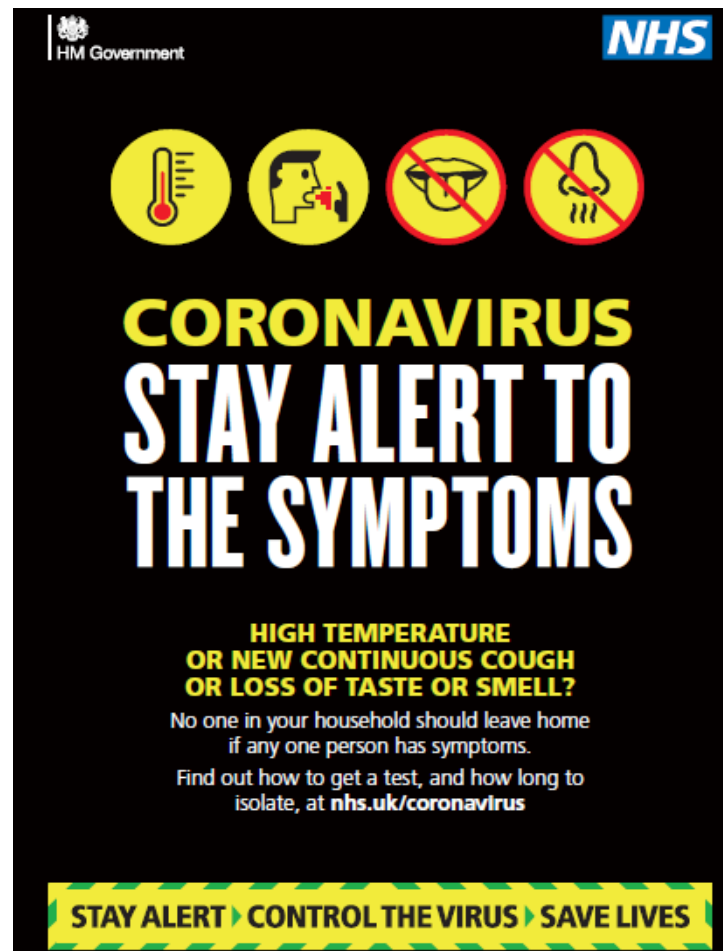
If any member of the household is displaying the symptoms, please organise a test and all stay at home and self-isolate until you get your result.

Testing Site/s





Information about Testing Site/s:

- Two Covid-19 test centres are available at:
 - Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Road, Chadwell Heath RM6 6AS.
 - *Mayesbrook Park Car Park, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham RM8 2JRT*
- The test sites will make it easier for residents with symptoms of Covid-19 to get tested for coronavirus, nearer to their home.
- Both testing sites will open to residents from 8am to 8pm every day, seven days a week.
- Residents who have symptoms should book a test appointment by calling 119 or visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

- Residents can also walk in for a test without an appointment, but there is no guarantee they will be seen if the site is busy that day, so booking is best. Residents who walk in without an appointment will also need to bring a smart phone with them so they can register when they arrive.
- Please see the link below for the new testing sites:
<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/covid-19-testing-sites>.



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CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT TO
THE SYMPTOMS

HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES