



## Eastbury Community School

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Dear Families

### Covid Testing in School

During this week we have taken part in a pilot project this week to trial mass covid testing in schools using non-intrusive and simple tests. I would like to thank all of the staff and pupils who took part (and of course to all parents and carers who gave their consent for their child to take part).

Some parents have informed that they thought the time scales were tight for the return of consent forms, and others have told me now that they have heard the test was relatively straightforward they would like an opportunity to take part. You will be pleased to hear that we will be carrying out more testing in few weeks and you will be given much more notice and time to complete the consent process. The project organisers would like me to pass on their thanks and are grateful for the feedback you have already provided. 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.

### Covid Safety in School and the Community

We are all very concerned about the rise in covid positive cases locally, nationally and globally. I cannot thank you enough for the support you are providing in ensuring that your child is following our covid rules. Together we can keep our community safe. Unfortunately we have had a high number of staff that have been contacted by 'track and trace' and are now self-isolating to ensure the safety of everyone in school and the community. We have been unable to secure replacement staff and have therefore had to ask some classes to work at home for short periods of time. Can I thank you for your understanding, and ask you to regularly check your emails and keep an eye on our website at this challenging time.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Supporting pupils' well-being is a priority for us at Eastbury Community School. PSHE lessons (Personal Social & Health Education) is one of the ways we support pupils in developing the knowledge understanding and skills to keep themselves healthy, safe and happy. As a result of the new national statutory guidance for all schools we are required to develop a new policy for Relationships and Sex education. Our draft policy is available on the school website and we welcome comments from parents and carers regarding this.

Further information can be found at on the primary site at <https://www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk/primary/academic/curriculum-subjects/primary-pshe> and for secondary <https://www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk/secondary/academic/secondary-curriculum/pshe>. please note two different sets of resources

Once you have had the opportunity to see the draft policy and our approach to this important work can you send any questions you may have and your feedback to:



- Secondary families to Mrs Jo Caswell by email [ics@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ics@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)
- Primary families to Ms Emma Knight by email [ekn@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:ekn@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk)

## **Universal Children's Day Friday November 20th**

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

**Friday November 20th** is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights.

Mothers and fathers, all staff in schools, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

This year, the COVID-19 crisis has resulted in a child rights crisis. The costs of the pandemic for children are immediate and, if unaddressed, may last a lifetime. It's time for generations to come together to reimagine the type of world we want to create. On 20 November, kids will reimagine a better world.

What will you do?

At ECS we have developed a robust plan of action and are implementing it play our part in overcoming the terrible effects of the pandemic. Please let me know if you think there is anything else we could be doing to support your child and family.

### **Key Links**

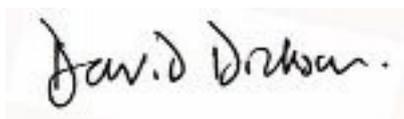
[World Children's Day](#)

[Declaration of the Rights of the Child.](#)

[Convention on the Rights of the Child.](#)

**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.