

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to you all. We hope you and your family had a peaceful and relaxing break.

Thank you for making Ms Humphry, our new Administrative Assistant feel very welcome to Edison Primary School.

Ms Humphry would just like to say a few words:

“I am delighted to have joined Edison Primary. I have had a very warm welcome from staff who have been extremely helpful in my first week. I would also like to thank all parents for their patience as I settle into my new school. I look forward to getting to know all the children and more of our parents”.

Our school office will close at **4.30pm**. If you are picking up your child from After School Club after this time, please use the bell at the school office entrance, and either Mrs Kassam or Mrs Mahal will come to meet you and fetch your child from the club.

Please be patient while Ms Humphry gets to know our children and parents, and learns our various systems. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our office procedures as follows:

Bringing Children to School

Your child should arrive at school by **8.45am**, the school gate opens from 8.35am so you can drop your child at their year group entrance from this time onwards. Please ensure you support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. Any late arrivals should need to report to the main school office.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office by **8.30am** using our automated telephone service and choosing option 1.

If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8.45am, please book them into our Early Birds breakfast club, which costs £3 per session and includes a healthy breakfast. You can bring them to Early Birds from 8am onwards.

Collecting Children from School

Your child should be collected from school at **3.45pm** unless they are staying for an after school club. If you need to collect your child later than this, please book them into our Night Owls after school club. This costs £5 per hour, which includes a healthy snack, and runs until 5.45pm.

Lateness, at either end of the school day, is disruptive and can make the children anxious. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time to help your child have the best school experience possible. Persistent latecomers (more than three episodes) will be referred to Mrs

Dokal and, if the lateness is not then resolved, will be passed onto the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

School Meals

Parents have the choice of sending their child in with a packed lunch or booking a school meal, which is freshly prepared on the premises. The cost of a school meal is £2.35 per day for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 (or free if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium).

Please ensure your child's lunch is booked at least a week in advance using the ScoPay system, and ensure their account payment is topped up on a regular basis.

Queries for Individual Teachers

Please remember that, between 8.55am and 3.45pm, our teaching staff are busy ensuring that your child's learning is the best it can possibly be. If you need to contact your child's class teacher for any reason, please do so initially via SeeSaw.

After School Enrichment Clubs

Please note that all enrichment clubs will resume from **Monday 10th January 2022**.

These clubs will run on the same days as last term.

If you no longer wish to send your child to any of the clubs, please kindly email the school office so that their name can be taken off.

If your child is continuing with their club/clubs, please ensure that you have topped up their accounts in scopay for the next 6 weeks.

We are now offering these clubs to our Reception children, please email the school office to register your interest for Football and Multi-sports Club.

Flu Vaccinations Catch Up Clinic

Please see attached document from the Immunisation Team in Hounslow.

New Reception Class Applications - September 2022/23

Could we please remind you that the deadline to complete any new Reception Class applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

Please see attached information.

Club/Dinner Payments

Could we kindly request you to top up your child's dinner accounts if you pay for them.

Also please kindly clear any outstanding balances on Scopay for any clubs they are attending and ensure that these accounts are topped up ready for the new year.

COVID-19 Update

As you may already be aware the Government recently announced the re-introduction of mandatory face covering in shops and on public transport.

This is due to the growing concern about the rise in cases of the new COVID -19 variant Omicron.

We have since updated our risk assessment and would like to implement the following, to help prevent the spread any further, we **highly recommend** that

- All parents and carers should wear face masks whilst onsite, when dropping and picking up their child/children from school.
- Where possible can we request that only one parent to drop and pick up their child/children.
- Mass gatherings at the school will not take place at present.
- Please continue to maintain a safe distance in overcrowded areas and swiftly leave the school site.
- Remote meetings will continue via zoom for parents that would like to speak to the class teacher. Alternatively contact the class teacher via Seesaw.
- Parents and carers should limit their visit to the school office. Please kindly email or call the office with any queries or concerns.

Please see the below government guidance that as been updated recently in light of this new COVID-19 variant.

Get tested and self-isolate if required

If you or you child develop symptoms or test positive

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

You should self-isolate at home while you get a PCR test and wait for the results. You must self-isolate if you test positive. You must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days, or from the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms and the next 10 full days. This is the law, regardless of whether you have been vaccinated. Self-isolating is important because you could pass the infection on to others, even if you do not have symptoms. You must stay at home for the full amount of time you are told to, because this is the period when the virus is most likely to be passed on to others.

If you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

You must also self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

Self-isolation exemptions

In most cases, you're not required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, if you live in the same household as someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, or are a close contact of someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, you will be required to self-isolate regardless of your age or vaccination status. NHS Test and Trace will contact you if this is the case.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you're not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

You can find further guidance for household contacts and guidance for non-household contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19 infections.

Let's all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 any further. Please see attached COVID 19 Testing Guidance.

Please continue to keep your families and friends safe.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Picture News

Please see attached Picture News to share with your child at home.

Edison Twitter Account

Do follow us @Edison_Primary for regular updates and information.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend!