



Hello to our wonderful EB family in Key Stage Two,

Firstly, before we tell you all about your return to school, we want to tell you just how proud we are of you all and how you have astounded us since school closed with the work you have handed in, the zooms you have taken part in and how you have kept in touch telling us what you have been doing. We are SO excited to see you all and we don't have to wait too long now! All the adults in school have been busy getting everything ready for your return and there are a few things we need to tell you before you arrive back in school.

This letter is to give you some information about how your day will look, what the school will look like and what changes we have made for your return. Your teachers will also go through some of the new routines with you on your first day back so there is no need to worry, we are all here to help you.

Arriving in school

Because we need to make sure that our entrance to school is not too busy with people, some of you may be arriving at different times of the day and going home at different times of the day than normal. Your teachers will know what time you are arriving and leaving so don't worry if you can't remember this information at first, it is something new to get used to and sometimes changes take time.

If you are in Year 3 or Year 4- you will arrive at 08.30am and leave school at 3.00pm.

If you are in Year 5 or Year 6- you will arrive at 08.50am and leave school at 3.30pm.

If you have a brother or sister who is arriving and leaving at an earlier time than you in school, you will arrive and leave with them at this time too. Your teachers will know this information and don't worry, you won't be missing out on anything different than your friends in class, you will have the same amount of time for learning just at different times.

When you arrive at school, we are asking that you come into the school grounds on your own and we know you can do this really well as you are key stage two and show us all the time how grown up you are. There will be friendly faces there to greet you and tell you where you need to be.

Enter the school grounds by either of these gates (next to the front or next to the bus lay-by).	Walk around the path all the way to the playground gates. Then walk onto the playground and someone will remind you which side you are on.	At the end of the day everyone will leave through this gate on Mill Rise.

If you are in Y5 or Y6 in the Purple Bubble, you will need to wait on the first half of the playground on the same side as the reflection garden and the Tyre Park.



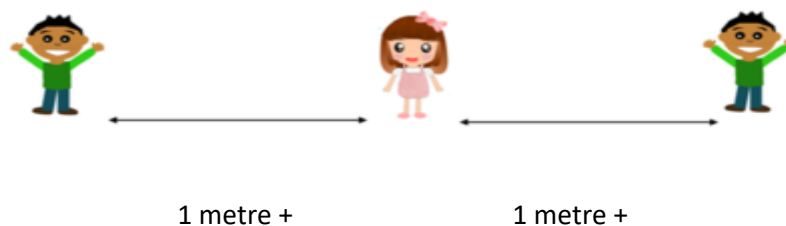
If you are in Y3 or Y4 in the Blue Bubble, you will need to wait on the side of the playground that is next to the school on the garden side. Don't worry we will show you where to go. You should wait on the playground until your teachers come to collect you and then you can take your things into the school building.



Social distancing

We do not expect in school that you will be able to socially distance with each other, especially not in the classroom but we do ask that when you can, you give people their personal space like you normally would.

You will need to socially distance from the adults in school and they will be socially distancing themselves from each other.



How will my classroom be different?

Your classrooms will look just as exciting as normal, with boards about your topics and exciting learning spaces. Your desks will be next to each other as normal and facing the front in rows. You will have your trays to put things in at the end of the day as normal and a peg to hang your coat, bag and lunchbox. Your teachers will still be able to help you with your work in class, answer questions, show you how to do things and help you when you need it.

Will I be able to play with my friends from other classes?

You will be learning in your classrooms and staying in these classrooms all day but you will get the chance to play with friends from some of the other classes at break and lunchtime. We are calling these groups 'bubbles.' We will stay in our own bubble in our space at break and lunchtimes. Different bubbles will have different times to play and eat which we will let you know more about when you come into school.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- Red bubble

Year 3 and 4- Blue bubble

Year 5 and 6- Purple bubble

You will not be able to play or be with anyone in a different bubble. This might change through the year but for now we will stay in our own bubbles to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Where will I put all my things? – coat on your peg or in your locker, lunch box on the trolley you don't need to bring anything else. (Y5/6 if you bring a pencil case, this will go in your tray and remain in school)

What might I need to bring from home: Just your wonderful selves, water bottle, glasses if needed and lunchbox. The Tuck Shop will not be open to begin with so bring a fruit snack for morning break time, (do not keep this in your lunchbox, this will go in your tray) **Please do not bring a book to read from home unless it is a school book that you are bringing to return.** We will ensure that you have a reading book to keep in school. You do not need to bring anything else into school please unless asked or you have been given permission by a teacher.

You will have your own tray as usual. In **Year 3 and 4**, we will provide a pencil case with everything you need in it. Please do not bring anything else from home to use in class. Year 4's will not have lockers this year.

Year 5 and 6 we will provide you with a pencil case or you may bring your own pencil case (please see your class newsletter about what you can bring in this) and these will need to stay in school please until the end of the term.

Normally at school, we love you to share things with each other and you are all so kind to do this but we are asking now that you only use your own equipment. If you need something that you do not have, please ask your teacher.

Toilets and handwashing

Year 3 and 4 will be using the Blue Bubble toilets in the little corridor from the playground.

Year 5/6 will use the toilets in the Purple bubble either outside Mr Ward's classroom or upstairs outside Mr. Clark and Mrs. Carter's classes.

You should always be practising good hygiene after going to the toilet, but you must be even more thorough at the moment. Remember to sing 'Happy Birthday' in your head twice when washing to make sure it is a thorough wash through. You will need to practise good handwashing throughout the day, your teachers will remind you about this. You may also be asked to use hand sanitiser.



There are a few hygiene stations that will be used in school that will dispense hand sanitiser like the one in reception below that Mrs. Scott is using. You must wash your hands or use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the classroom.



What will break times and lunch times look like?

You will spend your break time with the other children in your 'bubble.' You will have your packed lunch at your desk in the classroom that you have been working in (the tables will be cleared and cleaned before and after you eat). A lunchtime supervisor will come to the classroom and stay with you at lunchtime in the classroom, then outside. Your break times may be at different times than normal but your teachers will tell you all the routines you need to know. You will need to stay on the same side of the playground as the rest of your bubble, Blue Bubble nearest to the garden, Purple Bubble nearest to the Tyre Park.

Will I need to wear my school uniform?

You will be wearing your usual school uniform but not every day! On your PE days and Forest school days, you will be wearing your PE kit to school so you won't need to get changed. On PE and Forest School Days you must wear a blue school jumper or a blue school PE Hoody.

Face masks

You might have seen people wearing face masks lately in supermarkets or in closed spaces, you do not need to wear a face mask to school and neither will your class teachers. We are pleased about this as we will be able to see your lovely smiles!! However, if you need any first aid for example, like a leg cleaned after a fall, they may put a face mask on to help you. This is because they will need to be closer to you than normal to help you. This isn't something to worry about though; the face mask is there simply to protect you and your teacher from any germs. If you want to wear a mask on the way

Remember children, this is new to the adults in school too- we are all learning together so do not worry if you forget what to do or how to do it. We will be there every step of the way with you and who better than to learn it with than our EB family! We cannot wait to see you soon!

From all your teachers and staff at Ellison Boulters ☺