

## Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well at this incredibly challenging time for everyone.

It is aimed, primarily, at parents/carers of children who are currently in school. However, there are some relevant sections for ALL parents/carers.

### **Children IN school**

We trust that the parents/carers of children currently in school feel that their child is settled, calm and learning well. If anything is troubling you/your child, or there are things you're unsure about, please do get in touch. We will continue to have a focus on well-being and mindfulness that supports children effectively.

The children have been an absolute pleasure and bubble life is positive, focused and productive. Thank you for the contribution you will no doubt have made to the way in which your child is tackling the current challenges we face. Again, if there is anything of this nature that is worrying you at all, please get in touch.

### **Numbers of children attending**

We currently have 40.5% of children attending school on a daily basis as key worker (32.1%) or vulnerable (8.4%) children. Including Nursery, who are operating as normal, we have 46.9% of children in school. In March 2020 we had 11.3% key worker and vulnerable children attending school.

We reduced Year 3 numbers a little last week as over half the class were attending, which is clearly unsafe.

**If anyone's working pattern/situation has changed (including working from home), now that the dust has settled, please do let us know. Reducing contacts is the only way we can control and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The message is clear - if children can be cared for safely at home, then they should be.**

If, going forward, we feel that it is necessary to reduce numbers further, we will. As ever, the situation is kept under constant review, with safety being the key priority.

### **Staffing**

Given the dedication, commitment and sheer hard work of our staff team, who are delivering both face to face teaching and remote learning, we feel that the provision is fair and comparable for all children, regardless of whether they attend face to face or are learning remotely. Staff are in every day as they usually would be and we will continue to do all we can to meet the needs of our children.

We expect your patience with communication - we will always reply in as timely a manner as possible but this cannot be immediate.

## **Parking**

There have been reports that parking on the single yellow lines and/or on the bend just up past the school has, on occasion, caused a significant risk to those children who are still attending, and an unsafe situation for those attempting to drive along the road. I have asked that all measures usually in place are adhered to and wish to take this opportunity to remind you of this. Regardless of the weather, please park legally and respectfully, for the safety of everyone.

## **Music & PE**

Mrs Condliffe will be in school two afternoons per week delivering curriculum music to year group bubbles on a rota basis. Our Bee Active provision for curriculum PE also continues for Year 1 and 2 (as normal). This fits with our commitment to ensure that the curriculum remains broad and balanced.

Music tuition for those children who are learning to play an instrument but are currently not in school, will be delivered remotely from next week. Bee Active have launched Bee Active TV, which can be used to support physical activity for all children. Click here for further information - <https://beeactive.co.uk/tv/>

## **Endon Echo**

We have made all parent/carers aware that the Endon Echo is being re-launched! If you have anything to share (whether your child is in school or out of school) please get in touch. Some of the Year 6's who are in school will be involved in its production this time! Watch this space.

We have received many positive e-mails over the last couple of weeks and thank you for your engagement and support. We aim to help and support you wherever we can.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Best Regards,

*V. C. Lewis*

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Headteacher