Headteacher's Newsletter

Estived Valley Primary School

4/3/21

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 8^{th} March.

Please take note of the following information:

- School will run with the same procedures as during the autumn term. This means that distancing measures, hand washing and sanitising, separate playtimes and lunchtimes will all be in place.
- The children will stay, where possible, in their class bubble with the same staff.
- The children will only need to bring water bottles and reading books and packed lunch boxes if needed. There is no need, nor is there room for big bags to be brought in.
- PE kits will only be brought in on PE days teachers will remind your children when this is.
- Children, from Reception to Year 6, can arrive between 8.45 and 9 am and can be picked up between 3pm and 3.15. This is to avoid congestion on the playground.
- Nursery sessions will be either 8.30 11.30 or 11.45 3.15.
- Friday afternoon pick up will be 1.15pm as before.
- Breakfast club will run as usual from Monday 8th March.
- It is very important that parents, wear a mask whilst on school grounds, keep a distance between each other and do not congregate at the school gate.

I have been made aware that some of our families have visited Pakistan during the national lockdown, and that some families either are still there or are considering going. This is causing some anxiety for my staff and I would ask that if you have not followed the national lockdown requirements, please ensure that you quarantine appropriately.

I need to be very clear that I will not authorise any holidays during term time and will use the sanctions available to schools, which include fines and removal from school roll. I do not say this lightly but because it is vital that children do not miss any more time from school and for the safety of my staff and the school community.

I also need to be clear that, whilst restrictions are in place, if children tell us they have been visiting out of their home bubble or sleeping over at another home, I will be contacting parents and, if necessary, requiring the child to isolate for 10 days.

As always, we will do everything we can to support our families and pupils so please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

With kindest regards

Mrs H Edge