



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Welcome Back

It has been so nice to see everyone back in school today and yesterday. The children are looking so smart and their behaviour around school and in the classrooms has been excellent.

We have started this term with a map week across school so please ask your child all about the countries, continents, cities, oceans and lots, lots more that they have been learning these two past days and will be learning more about next week as well. Please share your experiences and knowledge about different parts of the world or by looking at different maps you might have at home so they can share these in class next week.

Over the coming weeks we will be sending lots of information home to you all about the work we are doing in school this year. We have revamped our curriculum and are trying some innovative new approaches with many subjects which we will share with you during the year.

Hopefully some of you will have noticed the painting inside school and some work that has taken place outside school over the summer holidays. There is more to come over this term and also we will be looking to organise some days to plant areas that have been cleared and freshen up some other parts of the school. Details will come out later this term and, if you are able to help, we would really appreciate it.

Dates for your diary

We are currently putting together a 'Dates for your diary' document that we will be sharing next week with you all. While it won't include everything, we will try and get all the most important dates together and out to you to help you get them in your busy family diaries.

The first reminder is that Friday, 14th October is a normal school day (**not** an inset day) and our last day before the autumn half term holiday. Please do not book holidays thinking your child won't be at school that day.

On the next page, please find a reminder about the start and end arrangements for this term.

Yours faithfully,

Ed Seeley,
Headteacher

Start and end times

School starts at 9am and the register is completed shortly after this. Any child in class after 9:05am will be marked as late.

The school gates will open for you to drop your child off at 8:50am. This gives you a 10-minute window from **8:50 to 9am** to drop your child off at the gate. Please remember this is designed to spread out the numbers of children arriving at any one time and create a calmer, less rushed start to the day. There is no advantage to your child by being the first in the gate so please come at a time that suits your child and your family within that 10-minute window.

All other classes will continue to be dropped off at their gates from 8:50 to 9am.

Class	Gate
Blue, Rosa and Azul	By the hall, nearest Leisure Centre Entrance
Orange, Amarillo and Morado	By the Pond, nearest to Key Stage One
Yellow, Verde and Rojo	By the grass area, near to the MUGA

If you have children in KS1 and 2 that should be dropped off at two different gates then please drop all your children off at the youngest child's gate and the older ones can walk through the playground to meet the rest of their class. If your youngest child is in Red or Green please bring your older children in and they can go through the gate onto the playground to meet the rest of their class.

EYFS timings

The nursery gate will open at 8:45am to drop off children at nursery or for parents to go round to Red and Green class.

Red and Green class will come in through the nursery gate to drop their children off at the class doors from 8:50-9am.

Class	Gate	Start AM	End AM	Start PM	End PM
Rainbow (Nursery)	Nursery Gate	8:45am	11:45pm	12:25pm	3:25pm

Lunchtimes

Due to the nicer environment for children and extra space created, we are retaining the three sittings in the hall at lunchtime. Children will be able to mix between different classes in the playground at lunch times.

Please note we are not starting morning toast and other items during morning break initially. If you would like to send your child with a healthy snack for the morning break please do but please no chocolate bars, sweets or crisps.

Break Times

Break times will return to KS1 and KS2 break times. F2 will start having break times in their outdoor area in September but will mix with KS1 later in the year.

School PE kit on PE days

All children will continue to wear their school PE kit on the days they are due to have PE. We will confirm PE days in the autumn in case there are any unexpected changes.

Children coming to school in PE kits has saved hours of time over the year in PE lessons. This means your children have had hours of extra time doing PE rather than changing for it. It has also massively reduced the lost property or clothing mix-ups on those days.

However, too many children are not being sent in school PE kits. This is part of our uniform and, especially if they are wearing it all day, it needs to be correct please. The P.E. kit for all students consists of:

- Plain Black shorts or Joggers
- Plain red t-shirt
- Dark trainers (or plimsolls) (Not brightly coloured trainers)
- Children may also wear their red school jumper on cold days.

School Uniform

Children are still required to wear full and correct school uniform. Again all staff will be enforcing this uniform and we will be contacting parents of pupils sent in with incorrect uniform to come and remedy any issues.

The uniform for all students should be selected from the following:

- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore
- Red jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red and white summer dress
- Black shoes (NOT trainers)

Polo shirts and sweaters with the school logo are available to purchase from Hucknall Sports on the High Street. However, any white shirt and red jumper are absolutely fine to wear.

We still have some donated items of clothing that are available at no charge to parents. They have been outside school at the end of the day again this week but will be saved and if you would like to get some items please see the office staff in confidence.

The full school uniform policy is on our website should you have any queries, [Uniform Policy.pdf](#) (edgewoodprimaryschool.co.uk)

Before and after school provision

Our provider, The Lime Trees, continues to deliver their high-quality provision before and after school. Provision is closely matched to the places booked so please ensure you book online via [The Lime Trees CIC | Childcare Nottingham](#) and click on the button labelled 'BOOK HERE' to make sure your child will have a place.

If you think you may need the odd day's childcare, please ensure you register in advance as, without all your details they cannot take your child in an emergency.