



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 3rd September 2021



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that you have all had a restful Summer and that you have been keeping safe. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and hopefully one that won't be disrupted by lockdowns or having to move our learning online. We look forward to seeing all the children back looking smart and ready for the year. It is also lovely to welcome new pupils and parents to the school. As ever, there are lots of exciting things coming up so keep an eye out for letters about what is happening in school and keep up to date through the website at [www.pegasusacademytrust.org](http://www.pegasusacademytrust.org).

**School starts on Monday 6th September with a normal start time of 8:45am.**

**Keeping Safe** We have updated the schools risk assessment in line with government guidance and much of school life will return to normal this year. The children will no longer be operating in 'bubbles' and the requirement for whole classes to self-isolate in the event of a positive case has been removed. Close contacts will be identified by test and trace and asked to take a PCR test. We will still be limiting some aspects of how the children mix, for example in assemblies, and some systems we introduced last year have proved effective so they will stay in place. We will ensure that classrooms are adequately ventilated and still encourage children to regularly wash their hands. We will not be enforcing the wearing of masks but if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask on the school grounds, please do. For the time being, we ask that you collect your children promptly and do not linger on playgrounds. We also ask that you respect the teachers' space and do not all converge too closely around classroom doors. It worked well last year with key stage two children using separate staircases from the playground and parents waiting on the field or playground when collecting children so we will carry on with that system. Don't worry if you are not sure where to go because staff will be on hand to help you and we will explain things to the children next week. We will monitor the situation and case numbers closely and we may make further changes at a later date. We understand that everyone has their own view of how safe things are and so we ask that you are sensitive to how other people may feel about social distancing.

**PE Kit** This year, we ask that children bring their PE kit back in to school and keep it in school for the week or half term rather than arriving in their kit as they did last year. This will ensure the children look smart on their way to and from school and while they are in school. Please remember that PE kit is a plain white shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms and black plimsolls or trainers.

**A plea** We are pleased to welcome our new children to the Pegasus Academy Trust and, of course, to see all our returning children revitalised and ready for their new learning. September is a time for new school beginnings but for the office staff in our schools it also brings one gigantic task. By the 7th October we must complete the school census on which our funding for the next school year (September 2022 - September 2023) is based. In a time where money in schools is as tight as it is at the moment it is crucial that we receive all the funding that we are entitled to and that's where we need your help. If you are entitled to any benefits or have been in the past a check of your National Insurance (NI) number will let us know if we can claim more funding. We will ask you to share this with us;

If you speak another language at home we need this information. We are funded additional amounts for the number of children who speak different languages at our schools.

If your child came to us from another school or nursery and they had help there for any kind of special educational need (SEN) then we need this information. We will also revise our database for those already in the school who have SEN.

Each one of these pieces of information means more money for the school which will be spent on your children. Please help us by supporting school staff as they seek to claim every penny that we are entitled to. We have one month to get this right and value your support.

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