



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

Friday, 4 September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to another new year at Edgewood. For those of you who are new to the school, please accept our warmest welcome and we hope you and your children settle into our community well. Please be assured you can speak to your children's teachers if there is anything you aren't sure about or any concerns as your first port of call.

It has been a really settled and peaceful start to the new year and I'm sure this will be another really successful year at our school.

A few little reminders,

Gates

Please remember gates are officially open at 8:50am (8:45am for Rainbow Class) and close just after 9am. 9am is the official start of the school day and after the gates have closed you will need to bring your child to reception where the adult bringing the child needs to sign them in with the reason for being late.

Nursery (Rainbow) and Reception classes (Red and Green) enter through the nursery gate.

Year 1/2 children enter through the gate to the side of the hall.

Year 3/4 children enter through the gate by the path on the south of the school site.

Year 5/6 children enter through the north gate, near the pond.

If you have more than one child, you are welcome to drop all your children off at a single point and, as we don't have parents on the rest of the playground, they are able to walk safely through the playground to their class or teacher. We would suggest dropping them all at the gate the youngest child would normally enter through. For example, if you have children in Yellow, Verde and Morado classes, all three can enter through the gate by the hall rather than you going round to three different gates.

Please see our attendance policy on the link below for more information.

Late collections

We understand that due to traffic or other emergencies there may be occasions when you are late collecting your children from school. If this is going to be the case, please contact the school office by phone to let us know and your ETA so we can pass that message on and your children are not left concerned and not knowing where you are.



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Nottinghamshire, NG15 6HX

Please note that if you are regularly struggling to collect your child on time, we have The Lime Trees who provide before and after school as there are no school staff to supervise children regularly collected late.

Mobile phones, smart watches and any other devices

Our school does not allow children to have mobile phones, smart watches or any communication technology with them in school. This includes in their bag. Children that are being picked up and dropped off by an adult do not need to have a phone or other device in school at all and it should not be brought into school.

We understand that some parents of the oldest children who may be walking to and from school on their own may wish their child to have a mobile phone so they can contact someone after they have left the house. The child must enter school in the morning via the front office to hand in the phone before they enter the school site and, at the end of the day, leave via the front office after collecting their phone.

Any child breaching this will be given a sanction without any additional warning. Please see our mobile phone policy for further details.

School and PE uniforms.

As we start a new year, it has been so good to see the children looking so smart and well-presented.

Can we please ensure that all children are wearing the correct black shoes (not trainers) and not wearing artificial nails or makeup in school. Can you please also ensure that your child is able to take off any minimal jewellery, such as stud earrings or a watch, they might wear to school as staff are not allowed to remove these items and they can get caught during PE, at playtimes or in some active lessons. Ideally, children do not need to wear jewellery at all during the school day and especially anything around their necks or wrists apart from a watch, if needed. School is not liable for any items lost, broken or damaged in any way.

Can I also ask you to remember that on the days they have PE, children should come in their PE kit but it should match what is detailed in our uniform policy. That is PLAIN black shorts or joggers (a small logo is permissible but not large logos or those with large stripes or other details on them), a plain red t-shirt (with or without collar) and trainers. Children should wear their normal school jumper on a PE day but, if you wish, a plain black tracksuit top is permissible instead. Sports kit, such as football shirts and shorts, are NOT allowed and nor is any heavily logoed item.

Having the correct uniform is an important part of being part of our school community and helps foster a sense of equality and belonging and we appreciate your support with this important element of your child attending our school.

Attendance

Our attendance across school last year was the lowest in my time as Head. While we understand that sometimes children are simply too ill to attend, they must be in school every day they are well

enough. Our attendance officer, Mrs Campsall monitors attendance weekly and will send letters and arrange meetings with parents if attendance starts to be a concern. Your children's teachers will also be monitoring this as they know the impact missing learning, especially in their vital first few days, has on children.

I know this video is a year old but the same statistics apply: children who miss time in the first week are much more likely to be persistently absent over a school year.

[Minister warns parents on school attendance ahead of new term - BBC News](#)

Persistent absence means missing 10% or more of the school year and that is only an average of around 3 days each half term! Our goal is that all children should have an attendance of at least 95% or better and good attendance is 97% or more.

To finish the year above 97% means 5 or less days off across the entire school year so every day counts.

Policies

You can find all our published policies on our website at the following link [School Policies – Edgewood School](#) and there is a lot of information about our curriculum and other aspects of our school on our website which you can also access through the favourites (star icon) on Compass. Please contact us if there is anything else you need any information about.

Communications

Also, on our website, you will find a document we shared before detailing the best ways for you to contact us for different matters and also how we will usually contact you for various reasons.

Please note some of the timescales within that document. Staff are very busy during the school day and, while they may check and respond to things when it is convenient for them, they are not expected to respond to communications outside of their working hours (as you would expect in many of your roles). We will always try to respond as soon as we can and within the timescales set out in our policies.

If something is urgent, it is best to give our office a call on 0115 9561337.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Seeley
Headteacher



Attendance

Congratulations to Blue, Red, Rosa and Yellow class for a weekly attendance of 100%



Please remember to report absences for children daily – even if we have sent them home the day before.
Thank you.

Diary dates for this term

September

Tuesday 15th September – Y5-6 Meet the teacher 2.45pm School Hall

Wednesday 16th September – Around the world day special lunch

Wednesday 16th September – KS1 Meet the teacher 2.45pm School Hall

Thursday 17th September – Y3-4 Meet the teacher 2.45pm School Hall

October

Monday 5th – Friday 9th October Year 5/6 Mount Cook Residential Trip

Wednesday 14th October – Individual School Photo Day

November

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November Whole School Cooking Week

Wednesday 25th November – Flu Vaccination Day

Class Achievers

On Monday 7th September, we will celebrate the achievements of the following children for being our weekly achievers. The Rainbow class achievers will be celebrated in their classroom.

Nursery & Reception		Years 1 & 2		Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6	
<u>Rainbow</u>	Christopher	<u>Blue</u>	Hudsyn-Boe	<u>Amarillo</u>	Poppy	<u>Azul</u>	Eleanor
<u>Green</u>	Cora	<u>Orange</u>	Nya-Haise	<u>Rosa</u>	Ava	<u>Morado</u>	Jackson
<u>Red</u>	Grayson	<u>Yellow</u>	Andriana	<u>Verde</u>	Mickey	<u>Rojo</u>	Arlo

Important Reminder: School Dinner Bookings

To help us plan effectively and ensure we have the correct plans in place, all school dinners **must** be booked by the Sunday cut-off each week please.

Advance bookings allow us to accurately forecast meal requirements and reduce food waste. If a school dinner has not been booked by the Sunday deadline, we will be unable to guarantee a meal for your child. In these circumstances, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch for that day.

We appreciate your support in helping us provide an efficient and sustainable meal service for all pupils. Thank you for ensuring bookings are completed on time.

Healthy Break Time Snack

Please can we ask that you send your child with a healthy snack for break time such as a piece of fruit, a cereal bar, cheese, a yoghurt or even some veggie sticks. We appreciate some items may contain chocolate but please keep it to a minimum. We have also noticed that some children are bringing in a lunch box with a selection of snacks in. This is causing some confusion with the children, and they are thinking this is lunch and then not eating their hot meals. Please send just one snack for break time. Thank you.

Names in belongings

Can we please remind all parent to put their child's names in all items: coats, jumpers cardigans, lunch boxes etc. All the children look so smart in all their new uniforms and we do not want any items getting lost.

COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

MENU

MEAT

CHICKEN
GYROS WRAP



VEGETARIAN
MEDITERRANEAN
HALLOUMI WRAP

AROUND THE

SERVED WITH
GARLIC AND HERB
ROAST POTATOES



AND RAINBOW
SWEETCORN

WORLD DAY

DESSERT
CINNAMON
CHURRO CUPCAKE

WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER

