

12th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Plans for the school opening in September 2021**

I am writing to provide you with the plan for our students to return to school in September. The logistics of ensuring that all of our staff and students are tested for Covid-19 are complex. There will be a phased return allowing us to complete two on-site Covid-19 tests for each student by Friday 10th September.

**Thursday 2nd September - Monday 6th September**

For the first three days of term students will **only attend on the day specified below** to complete their first test and get ready for the Autumn term. **All** students will return to normal school on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Students should attend, **in full school uniform**, as follows:

|                           | <b>Thursday<br/>02.09.21</b>                   | <b>Friday<br/>03.09.21</b>                     | <b>Monday<br/>6.09.21</b> | <b>Tuesday<br/>07.09.21</b>             |
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| <b>08:45*<br/>- 15.00</b> | Year 9 Exning Road<br><br>Year 11 Chester Road | Year 8 Exning Road<br><br>Year 10 Chester Road | Year 7 Exning Road        | <b>All</b> students in school<br>08.45* |

\*Please note that students should arrive at least 10 minutes **before** their start time so that they are not late for school.

**Timings of the school day**

From September we will no longer have staggered start and finish times for the school day. All students will start school at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm. Students will continue to use the separate entrances depending on their year group. Years 7, 8 and 9 will use the Exning Road entrance and years 10 and 11 will use the entrance in Chester Road.

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**Reminder to complete the Covid Test consent form**

Testing is not compulsory, but we encourage you to give your consent as an important contribution to keeping our students, staff and community safe from Covid [click here](#) to complete the form before your child returns to school.

**Tuesday, 7th September**

From Tuesday, 7th September **ALL** year groups will be expected to attend school as normal. During the remainder of that week students will receive a further test for Covid-19 in school.

**Home testing for Covid-19**

From the week commencing Monday, 13th September students will continue the testing for Covid at home using a Lateral Flow Device test kit provided by the school. Your child will receive this test kit on Friday 10th September. Students will receive training on how to use these kits.

**Breakfast club**

I am pleased to say that we will be re-starting breakfast club in the mornings from Tuesday, 7th September. Breakfast Club will run from 8am to 8.30am and students wishing to attend Breakfast Club should arrive via the Exning Road entrance.

**Purchasing School Uniform**

It is important that our students present themselves well and we want to ensure that they are wearing their uniforms smartly and with pride. If you are purchasing new school uniform, school shoes or coats over the summer please ensure that they comply with our uniform code. The local uniform supplier for Eastlea School uniform is 'Fashion Stop', which is in East Ham at 138 High St N, London E6 2HT. The list of uniform and equipment required by students can be found enclosed with this letter. [Click here](#) for the price list.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing our students in September. If you have any questions about the contents of this letter then please contact the school by emailing [info@eastlea.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@eastlea.newham.sch.uk)

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Morgan  
**Headteacher**

## **School Uniform and Equipment**

**The following uniform is compulsory for all students:**

### **Blazer**

- We have a smart blazer with the new school logo.

### **Compulsory White Shirt**

- A white collared shirt (long or short sleeve). No long - sleeved tops to be worn under the shirt.
- Polo-shirts cannot be worn, other than in PE.

### **Compulsory Tie**

- Ties must be tied and worn *properly* at all times. (This means that the tie should reach their waist band)

### **Compulsory Black Trousers and Skirts**

- Smart skirts and trousers must be plain black and must not have excessively visible buckles, studs, logos, embroidery etc.
- Trousers must be smart and suit style i.e. they must not be tight or overly loose/baggy.
- Skirts must be knee length or longer, but must not be too long (i.e., past the ankle).
- Skirts must be one layer only.
- Jeans or jogging bottoms, must not be worn as part of, or underneath, the school uniform.
- Any belt worn with skirts or trousers must be black.

### **Compulsory Plain Black Shoes**

- Shoes must be sensible and safe for school. Heels should not exceed 3cm.
- Footwear must have closed in toes and should not be backless.
- Footwear must not have excessive decoration (jewels, buckles, tassels, logos etc) or have coloured laces.
- Trainers are not permitted and will be confiscated by the school if they are worn in school.

### **Optional V-Neck Black Jumper with School Logo**

- Sweatshirts, cardigans, hooded tops or tops with writing will not be acceptable.
- The school uniform can be worn without the jumper in warm weather.

### **Religious headwear e.g. Hijab/Headscarf/Mosque hat etc**

- If worn, must be black, plain with no embroidery, tassels or other decoration.

### **Socks and tights**

- Socks must be plain black. (white socks are not permitted)
- Black knitted tights may be worn; they must not be patterned, lacy, sheer or different colours.

### **Outdoor wear**

- Coats/jackets must be plain black with no logos.
- Students must not wear coats indoors but can wear them in the playground.
- Hats and caps must not be worn inside the school at any time. Plain black woollen hats can be worn in the playground at break times but they must not show any logos.

### **Jewellery**

- Students may wear one pair of small discreet stud earrings (or a single nose stud) and a watch. Earrings must not exceed the size of a 5p piece
- Bracelets and ankle chains should not be worn to school
- The school will not take responsibility for jewellery worn to school

### **School Bags**

- School bags must be large and practical enough to hold required equipment and school books (including A4 size).
- Purses and wallets should be stored securely.

### **PE Uniform**

- Eastlea logo black jogging bottoms or Eastlea logo black shorts
- Red polo shirt with Eastlea logo

### **Equipment**

Students are expected to come to school fully equipped and ready to learn. They are expected to arrive at school every day with the following equipment.

The equipment list is as follows:

1. Clear plastic pencil case
2. Black pen
3. Pencil
4. Ruler
5. Rubber
6. Green pen
7. Scientific calculator (Casio Fx-83Gt Plus Scientific Calculator)

Incorrect uniform and missing equipment can be a distraction and lead to wasting valuable learning time. By ensuring that they are in the correct uniform and have the correct equipment you will be helping your child to be organised and ready to learn.

# Eastlea School Calendar

September 2021 to July 2022

## Key Dates

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| <b>Autumn Term:</b>  | Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December               |
| <b>Half Term:</b>  | Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October                    |
| <b>Spring Term:</b>  | Wednesday 5th January to Friday 1st April*                    |
| <b>Half Term:</b>  | Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February                  |
| <b>Summer Term:</b>  | Tuesday 19th April to Friday 20th July                        |
| <b>Half Term:</b>  | Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June                            |
| <b>*School closed to staff and students:</b>                 | Monday 18th April (Easter Monday)<br>Monday 2nd May (May Day) |
| <b>*Staff Learning Days<br/>(school closed to students):</b> | Wednesday, 1st September<br>Friday 26th November              |

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| <b>Year 7 Meet the tutor</b>   | Thursday 16th September (3:30pm-6:00pm) |
| <b>Year 9 Parents Evening</b>  | Thursday 11th November (3:30pm-6:00pm)  |
| <b>Year 9 Options Evening</b>  | Thursday 10th February (3:30pm-6:00pm)  |
| <b>Year 11 Parents Evening</b> | Thursday 27th January (3:30pm-6:00pm)   |
| <b>Year 10 Parents Evening</b> | Thursday 24th February (3:30pm-6:00pm)  |
| <b>Year 8 Parents Evening</b>  | Thursday 21st April (3:30pm-6:00pm)     |
| <b>Year 7 Parents Evening</b>  | Thursday 12th May (3:30pm-6:00pm)       |