



# Emneth Academy

Newsletter  
September 2021

## Message from the Academy

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! The autumn term has come round very quickly after what I hope has been a good summer time break for you all.

I am delighted to be with you all now although having only just moved house this week, I am still finding my feet. The welcome I have had so far from colleagues, the trust and some of the parents I have met, has been great – thank you.

Over the coming term, I will be watching to see how the academy works and making whatever tweaks necessary to secure the best possible outcomes for our children. They are without a doubt, our best asset and are the reason for us all being here. I shall look forward to getting to know them all, and to getting to know you as a parent body so that we can work successfully together.

Covid-19 has posed some major challenges, however, we can now proceed, with caution towards some more 'normal' activities. Our 'caution' will include wearing a face covering for all visitors to school, including parents on our school driveway, washing/sanitising hands regularly and keeping an eye on how cases are moving across the county. Please be assured that I will work as hard as I can to make our schools safe and a great place for learning.

With very best wishes for a great start to our new era!  
Elaine Huntington  
Principal

## Attendance

*There are 190 school days per year, leaving 175 free for other activities. Please do not allow your child to miss important days of learning. Unless it is absolutely necessary Our aim this year is to exceed 95% attendance Attendance Procedures can be found on our website.*

*Can we please ask that children arrive on time, late arrivals can cause disruption in the class. Many thanks.*

*Please be aware that the local authority may fine for unauthorised leave.*

## Upcoming dates

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Children back in school

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
National Fitness Day

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
Last day at school

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
Children back in school

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Last day at school

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
INSET day

## Did you know?

Your body has more than 600 muscles

## Academy Council

If you wish to contact our Chair of Academy Council, you can do this via the School Office.

## September Reminders

We are continuing with the staggered starts for pupils for September until October half term. The main positive for the staggered starts has been the impact on congestion outside of the school. This will also allow us an opportunity to review any guidance received from the DfE and the plan any amendments without the need to rush any decisions through. As a reminder start and finish times are below:

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
R	8.40	3.05
1	8.40	3.05
2	8.40	3.05
3	8.50	3.15
4	8.50	3.15
5	8.50	3.15
6	8.40	3.05

## Lunches

Please remember to pay for lunches in advance, payment can be made via the pupil asset app, or at the office with a debit card. Lunches are currently priced at £2.30 per day.

## Parking

Can we please remind parents to respect our neighbours and park safely near the school. Please do not block neighbours driveways or driveways leading into the school. We are very lucky that we have Central Hall carpark only a short walk away which can be used, which the Parish council fully support



## PE

Find below our PE timetable for this term.

For the time being we continue to ask your child to come into school wearing their PE Kit on their PE day. This arrangement may change at a later date.

The expectation is that your child wears a white T Shirt, navy or black shorts, black plimssoles or trainer. A navy or black tracksuit, leggings or Jumper can also be worn.

Its essential that all earrings are removed.

Tuesday	Class 5
Wednesday	Class 2 and Class 3
Thursday	Class 4 and Class 6
Friday	Class R and Class 1

## Class Dojo

Please remember to make use of the class dojo if you need to contact the class teacher.

## Website

We are currently in the processing on changing our current website, we were hoping that it would be up and running before the end of the Summer, but there have been a few technical issues. Fingers crossed this should be ready over the weekend. Apologies if the old website hasn't been up to date ready September.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome 2 new members of staff, Mr A Bazeley-Smith, who will be teaching in Year 6 and Mrs Carla Curtis who will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Year 3. We are sure they will be an amazing asset to our school.

## Moving Forward

Over the next term we will continue to monitor the current situation and will be planning ahead with a view to hopefully arranging trips and visits.