



Dear Essendon families,

1st September 2023

### Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our families and we hope you had a good break over the summer. Just a few points of information before we start the new term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Ready for Learning

Everything we do in school is to ensure your child is making progress in their learning, therefore we know all parents and carers will support their child and the school with:

- Good attendance and punctuality (doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am)
- School uniform expectations
- Daily reading at home
- Practising times tables at home

### Class Teachers

- Harefield – Miss Raw
- Warrenwood – Mrs Charles (M/T/W) and Mrs Terrell (Th/F)
- Homewood – Mrs Jones (M – Th) and Mrs Pinfold (Fri)
- Pantherswood – Miss Griffiths and Mrs Pinfold (Th)

### PE

Please wear PE kit for PE days:

- Harefield - Tuesday
- Warrenwood – Tuesday
- Homewood – Friday
- Pantherswood - Thursday

### Save the Date – Meet the Teachers

Each class teacher will be holding information sessions in their classrooms to outline the curriculum and give any messages to parents and carers. These will be at 3:15pm to 3:45pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. All parents/carers should attend one of the sessions.

### Snacks and Nuts

Harefield and Warrenwood pupils can bring in morning healthy snacks ie fruit, veg or cheese. Please remember not to send in to school any products containing nuts as we have staff and children with allergies.

### Let me know

Families can experience lots of ups and downs throughout the summer holidays, if there is anything that you have experienced over the holidays that you feel you would like to share with me to ensure your child is well supported please do e-mail me - [head@essendon.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@essendon.herts.sch.uk) or come in for a conversation.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, best wishes. **From Ms Canham, Headteacher**

## The Essendon Way - School Uniform

### Daily Uniform

**Trousers:** Plain dark grey or black trousers

**Shorts:** Plain dark grey or black (standard school shorts from any supermarket no cycling shorts)

**Skirt or pinafore:** Plain dark grey or black or in the summer term red and white check dress

**Polo shirt:** Plain white (available with an Essendon logo from our supplier - see below)

**Sweat shirt or cardigan:** Plain red (available with an Essendon logo from our supplier - see below)

**Socks:** Plain grey, black or white socks, or tights (no Nike ticks or sports logos)

**Shoes:** Flat black shoes or plain black trainers

### Physical Education (PE) Kit

Plain black shorts

Essendon sports T-shirt - contact the Office or our supplier for details

Plain black tracksuit (no logos – supermarket joggers and zip top are recommended)

Sports Trainers (any colour)

### Jewellery, Nails and Make-Up

Jewellery (except for watches and stud earrings) should not be worn for school.

Smart watches are not needed in school

For safety reasons, earrings must be removed (or, if not possible, taped over) for all PE sessions.

Nail varnish and make-up are not needed in school.

### Hair

Long hair tied back for safety and hygiene.

No fashion statements are needed for hair styles or hair cuts at Essendon.

### Uniform Supplier

Supermarkets sell all that is needed for school uniform, we have secondhand uniform available.

Our PE shirt and logo clothing is sold by: Smarty Schoolwear 66 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0JJ

[http://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/Essendon\\_C\\_Of\\_E](http://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/Essendon_C_Of_E)



## Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

### Term Dates: 2023/2024

All learning is sequential and builds over time, therefore every lesson counts. Please do not book days out or holidays in term time because your child will miss teaching and when they return they will have big gaps in their understanding and may not be able to catch-up.

#### Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day**

Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils – **8:40am doors open, doors close at 8:50am**

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term - 1:15pm

#### Spring Term - 2024

Thursday 4th January – **Occasional Day**

Friday 5th January – **INSET Day**

Monday 8th January – Start of term for pupils

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half Term

Thursday 28th March - End of Term – 1:15pm

#### Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Start of term for pupils

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days**