

Citywest ETNS Zoom etiquette



Remember
our school
rules - they
are still in
place.



Set up your
device in a
quiet space,
with no
distractions.



Join the
video with
your
microphone
muted.



Raise your
(virtual!)
hand to
speak.



Speak in your
normal voice.
Use kind and
friendly
words.



Listen to
others while
they are
speaking.



Ensure you
are
appropriately
dressed.



Be on
time.



Pictures or
recordings
of the video
call are not
allowed.



Enjoy! Don't
forget to
wave hello
when you
join!



Citywest ETNS

Welcome to our school!



A brief overview of our history:

- A group of dedicated parents spent 5 years petitioning for an Educate Together school. We opened in September 2012 with 23 pupils, Caitriona (principal) and another teacher in one classroom.
- We spent 7.5 years in temporary accommodation across the road and moved into this fabulous building in January - our forever home!
- Rapid growth each year: we expect to reach capacity in September 2020: 400 pupils in 18 classes with approx 45 on staff

Our Autism classrooms

- Our primary-age Autism class opened in December 2015.
- In our new building, we have a whole wing of the school to ourselves!
- Once fully fitted, we will have 2 specially equipped classrooms, an OT room, a sensory room, 2 comfort rooms, a Central Activities Space with trampoline... and lots of other resources.
- There are 6 pupils in each class.



Planning ahead - Government Guidelines

- Please note that our government has announced that the return to school will be on a phased basis.
- We are waiting to find out what this means. We will let parents know as soon as we have a plan developed based on those guidelines.
- We will be in touch with you about the arrangements for the first days/weeks of school.

School times



- We will introduce your child to school on a phased and gradual basis. This may take several months and may look different for each child.
- We are hoping to begin the new school year on Thursday 27th August. The school times will gradually increase to 8.25am - 1.05pm for children who can manage that length of day.
**This is longer than regular pre-school hours.*

Transition to school

- The primary aim of the first weeks and months will be to help your child to feel safe and happy in school.
- Focus on establishing routine, becoming familiar with the new surroundings, everyone getting to know one another.

Communication

- Open communication between home and school will be crucial.
- We will use a notebook/app to set up a daily communication routine.
 - Home to school: information such as how your child slept, if they ate, how they are presenting in the morning will be important to how we plan our day for them.
 - School to home: we will keep you updated daily on how their day went, what they did/enjoyed etc.
- We will work together to create a support plan for your child, with objectives for a certain period of time.

Main areas of focus:

- Communication skills
- Social skills
- Fine motor skills
- Gross motor skills
- Adaptive functioning
 - Life skills and independence
- Play

What your child needs for school

1. Comfortable clothes, shoes with velcro.
2. A full change of spare clothes to store in school. We will look for items such as wellies later in the year.
3. Lunch and drink in a school bag
4. Any communication devices your child uses.



Over the summer:

- We will send you a document to fill out - tell us your child's interests, likes, dislikes, triggers etc. This will be really valuable information for us.
- We will also send some photos and information about our classrooms, so your child can become familiar with some people/things they might see when they arrive.
- Talk about school as a happy place.
- Take a look at our website to see photos and videos of the school.

Questions



Remember to also check out our website - there are lots of answers there!

If your plans change and you don't need the school place, inform the school in writing immediately.

We cannot wait to meet you and your child in September!