



Merrydale Junior School

Be the Best you can Be!



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3rd June 2020

Year 6 return to school 4th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have spent a considerable amount of time planning to welcome back the year 6 children to school. There is a full risk assessment document attached to this e mail and displayed on the website. We have worked to make the school as safe as is possible for your children.

As a school, and as part of a Trust, we are following the government guidance in re-opening to pupils. The school environment will be different but we will continue to do our best to make it a safe and positive place.

There will be a video on the school website showing the changes made to the school. This is also available in Gujarati.

- Children do not need to wear school uniform however they should wear a clean set of clothes each day.
- Children should bring a water bottle to school.
- If needed children should bring their own suncream to apply.
- The time that school starts will be staggered -you will be informed what your child's times are and what entrance to come to each morning.
- There will be staff on all gates to supervise the children -adults are not to come onto the school grounds.
- Class groups (or bubbles) are no bigger than 10 with the same group of staff.
- Children will have their own set of equipment to use.
- There will be a clear handwashing regime in place. Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Hand sanitiser is also in every classroom.
- Windows will be open to improve ventilation in the classroom.
- Lockers will not be used. Children will keep their belongings with them at their work- space.
- All movement around the school will be minimised. The school has set up a one-way system in some parts of the school to minimise contact.
- The children will only be allowed to enter the toilet area one at a time with a staff member supervising this.
- There are clear signs all around the school that give the children reminders of where to go and what to do.
- Lunches will be eaten in the classroom. There will be a hot food menu from 8th June. The menu will be sent out for advance order. Free school meals will be provided for eligible children.
- The children will have staggered break times and lunch times. Social distancing will be in place during these play times and class groups will not mix.
- The curriculum will be based around PHSE with some elements of English, Maths and other curricular areas.
- The pastoral team will be in school to support children.
- The end of the day will also have staggered finishes. The children will be expected to leave school promptly and not gather in groups outside.



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- If collecting children from school parents should arrange to meet their children at a sensible distance from the school gates and not park vehicles on the yellow lines.

FAQ

How will the school communicate with parents?

The school will use the text service, e-mails and phone calls to communicate with parents. Parents are not to arrive at school without first booking an appointment.

Should I send PPE with my child?

No. Parents need to be vigilant and not send children to school who are unwell. The school has a robust cleaning and hand washing rota in place and are ensuring that government guidelines are followed to maintain the safety of the children.

What does my child do if they are not coming back to school?

The children who are not returning to school will be supported with their on-line learning. Teachers will continue to set tasks and give feedback through TEAMS and the school blog. The school is also continuing to provide learning packs that are paper based.

What about transition to Year 7?

We have already spoken with some secondary schools and this will continue. We believe that any transition work will be online and will notify you when we know more.

If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you

Mrs C. Mugglestone.