

Thursday 28th May 2020

Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATE – Year 6 Arrangements

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school when we start to re-open the school once the Government have confirmed this.

Here are the planned arrangements.

Friday 5th June

On this date we will be welcoming Year 6 children back to school. On this first day, we will be asking the children to come into school via the Annexe door. They will wash their hands in the Annexe toilets and then come into the hall and sit spaced out. It will be a nice way for them to all see each other again (albeit socially distanced) and then Miss. Roberts, Miss. Howell, Miss. Moffat and Mr. De Panama will take their teaching groups to their classrooms.

Miss Roberts and Miss Howell will remain in the mobile classrooms. Miss Moffat and Mr De Panama will be in two of the Year 5 classrooms on the lower ground floor.

Drop off and Pick up

Everyone will access the school site via the one-way system and if children are walking on their own they need to understand how to socially distance safely. From Monday 8th June, they will need to access their classrooms in the usual way. Miss Roberts and Miss Howell groups via the ramp up to the mobile classrooms. Miss Moffat and Mr De Panama groups via the double doors near the gate for exiting the school. The teachers will show them where to go on Friday and walk them round the one-way system to help children manage. Pick up – Miss Roberts and Miss Howell's groups will be collected from the small playground or can start to walk independently from here via the one-way system. Miss Moffat and Mr De Panama's groups will be collected from the large playground or can start to walk independently from here via the one-way system.

If any of the children struggle to understand how to manage social distancing before and after school, we will ask parents and carers to drop them off and pick them up to support keeping everyone safe.

School Uniform

Children will now need to wear school uniform as we are coming back to school. However the expectations will be slightly more relaxed than usual so that if children have grown out of their uniform you don't need to buy more just for the last 7 weeks. They can wear other clothes (which you don't mind getting dirty!) if you do not have enough or any school uniform that fits. Please can all children wear sensible shoes, ideally trainers because for outdoor activities, such as PE and Forest School, the children won't be changing in and out of clothes or shoes. Trainers don't have to be black this term – any colour will be ok so you don't need to go out and buy black trainers if you haven't got any. Government guidance advises parents to send their children in clean clothes every day to support good hygiene practices.

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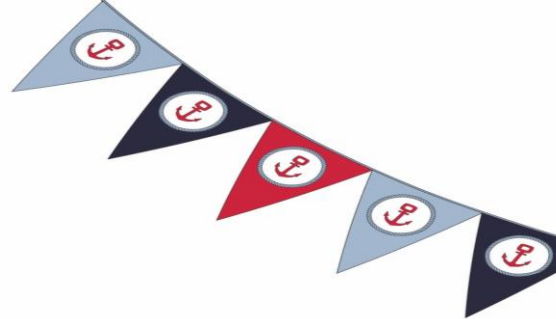
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Book Bags and other belongings.

Children do not need to bring in book bags as we will not be sending reading books home this term. They don't need to bring in any other belongings in to school other than those set out below.

Water Bottles

All children **must** bring in a water bottle from home. Water fountains are switched off. Bottles can be refilled in school. Please put their name on these. If your child does not bring in a water bottle, then we will call you and ask you to bring one in because they need to have access to drinking water throughout the day.

Sun hat and Sun Cream

If the weather stays as lovely as it is now, your child will need to bring in a named sunhat and named sun cream. Please remember that we are not allowed to apply sun cream for the children.

Lunches

Children can have the usual hot school lunches or bring in a packed lunch. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms. School meals will be collected from the kitchen by an adult from their teaching group and taken to the classroom for the children. The children will not be accessing the hall for lunches this term

Attendance

If your child is ill and not able to attend, you will need to follow our usual expectations of calling the school every day they are off and then send in a written letter when your child returns.

If you are choosing to keep your child at home at the moment as you are worried about safety from Coronavirus, you will need to call in every day and let us know this is the reason why your child is in school.

No penalties for non-attendance will be applied this term in line with Government guidelines.

If your child has received a letter from the NHS to say they have to shield because they are clinically extremely vulnerable, please send a copy of this to school and then you do not need to call in every day. If your child is living with someone who is shielding because they are clinically extremely vulnerable (e.g. a parent or sibling), please send a copy of this to school and then you do not need to call in every day.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Supermarket vouchers for families eligible for benefits related free school meals will stop for Year 6 children from 8th June, unless your child is shielding or living with someone who is shielding.

Supporting Hygiene

One of the ways to support hygiene in school is to make sure your children understand about handwashing, coughing/sneezing safely and using tissues to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it"

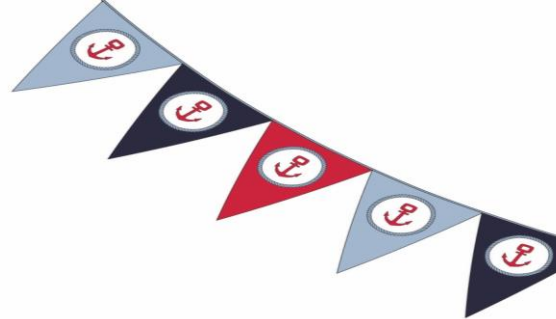
The Government guidelines suggest that when children get home, normal hygiene practices (such as washing hands) should continue. They also recommend clean clothes for school every day. *"There is no*





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need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in school. Uniform that cannot be machine washed should be avoided"

For more information about Government Guideline for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Curriculum

The teachers are planning reading, writing and maths lessons across the week to get the children back into a routine and to re-establish some Year 6 skills to get them ready for secondary school. To start with children will be learning about healthy bodies and healthy minds and then moving on to transition work. Once the There will be lots of opportunities to learn outside too! As well as all of this, I know that there will be some fun end of year things that the Year 6 team will plan to ensure the children have some amazing memories of Meridian.

Miss. Roberts and Miss. Howell will be working closely with Miss. Moffat and Mr. De Panama to make sure all the children are settled.

We will be e-mailing parents tomorrow with the name of the teacher that will be teaching them from 5th June. Please note, that Miss. Roberts and Miss. Howell have worked hard to split the children into four smaller teaching groups in order to keep everyone safe, so we will not be able to accommodate any requests to move children.

I do hope this helps you understand the plans for welcoming Year 6 children back to school. I will be updating the Frequently Asked Questions sheet tomorrow with more general information.

Take care and best wishes to everyone

Kind regards

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