



Wednesday 1st July 2020

Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Holiday Arrangements

It was announced officially yesterday that schools will not be asked to open over the summer holidays.

“The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.”

So the last day of term for Reception children will still be Wednesday 15th July. For Nursery and all other year groups the last day of term will still be Friday 17th July.

Once I know more about arrangements for September, I will write to you about when children will return to school.

Summer Holiday Food Vouchers

I have ordered the **Summer Holiday vouchers** for **all** parents/carers whose children are eligible for benefits related free school meals (Reception – Year 6). I decided to change the delivery date for this additional voucher to **Friday 10th July** in case there are any delays and to ensure everyone has received this voucher. It will be **one** voucher for the whole summer holiday with a value of £90 per child. Please note the school office will be closed from Thursday 23rd July until our return in September so if you have any problems with this voucher once we have closed, you will need to speak directly with Edenred.

Plans for September

The Government have indicated that they are due to announce school plans for September this week. Once this guidance has been released, I will be working with the Leadership Team and Governors to plan for September at Meridian. Once these plans are finalised, I will share these with parents and carers so that everyone knows what to expect for the new academic year.

Take care and best wishes to everyone.

Kind regards

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