

Friday 2nd October 2020

Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you are all keeping well and safe.

Public Health England Advice

The South East Public Health England has produced a document to support schools. In this document it states:

“How to stop COVID-19 spreading

COVID-19 is passed from person to person mainly by large respiratory droplets and direct contact (close unprotected contact, usually less than one metre). These droplets can be directly inhaled by the person or can land on surfaces which another person may touch which can lead to infection if they then touch their nose, mouth or eyes.

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus (COVID-19):

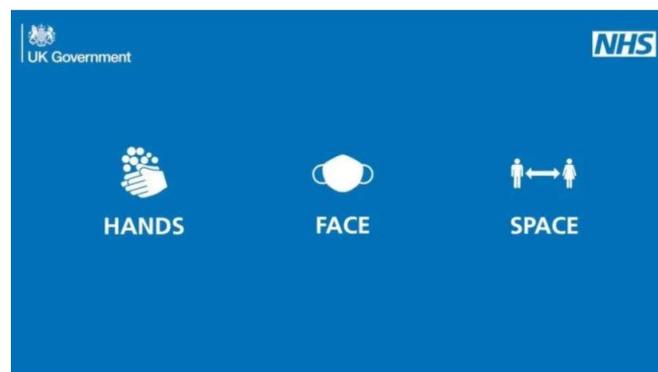
Do:

- *Follow the government’s rules on social distancing*
- *Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds*
- *Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available*
- *Wash your hands as soon as you get home and before you eat*
- *Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze*
- *Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards*

Don’t

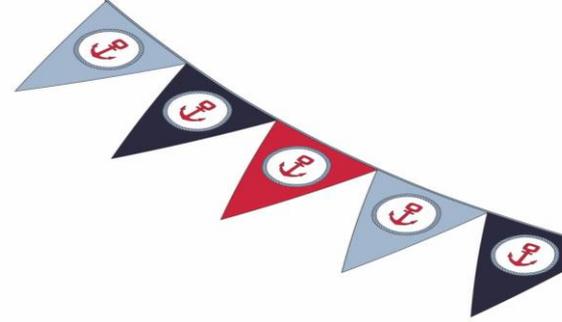
- *Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean”*

So please remember the following:



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Social Distancing

Thank you so much for your continued support with the staggered starts to the mornings. It is feeling much safer now that everyone is getting used to the routines.

Drop off times

Can I remind parents that we have staggered drop off times to limit the amount of mixing between year group bubbles and staggering the number of adults on the site at any one time. We are starting to get a few children arriving much later than their drop off time – please can you support the school by ensuring your children arrive at the right time:

Years 5 and 6 – 8.35am

Years 3 and 4 – 8.40am

Early Bird Nursery, Years 1 and 2 – 8.45am

Reception – 8.50am

Thank you for your support with this.

Pick up times

Thank you for your feedback about pick up times, in particular the crowding near Reception. From Monday 12th October, we are going to ask Reception parents to collect their children at 2.50pm to try and support social distancing measures at this particular pinch point. We will of course continue to monitor this and will keep you informed of any further changes. Pick up times will now be:

Reception – 2.50pm from Reception play area (new arrangement)

Years 1 and 2 – 3.00pm from smaller playground (no changes to arrangements)

Years 3 and 4 – 3.10pm from larger playground (no changes to arrangements)

Year 5 – 3.10pm from doors near Nursery (no changes to arrangements)

Year 6 – 3.10pm from smaller playground (no changes to arrangements)

Nursery – usual times (no changes to arrangements)

Speaking with teachers

Please can I remind everyone, that teachers are not available to speak with parents and carers at drop off time. Please leave a message with the Teaching Assistant or e-mail the dedicated year group e-mail address and teachers will get back to you when they are available. It is not appropriate to demand to speak to a teacher at this time as it places unnecessary stress on everyone.

Here are the year group e-mail addresses and apologies for sending out the wrong e-mail address for Nursery and Reception:

YearN@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

YearR@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

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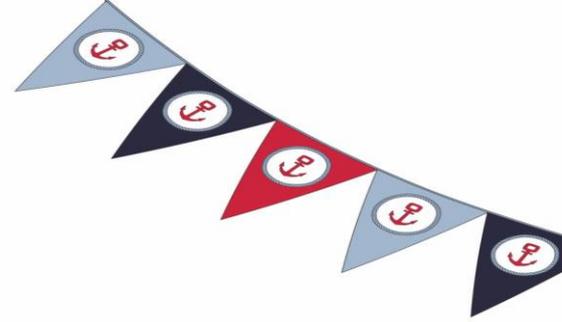
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Informing parents of suspected cases and confirmed cases

Advice from Public Health England is now that schools do not need to inform parents if staff/children are self-isolating and waiting for a test due to having possible COVID-19 symptoms. So we will no longer send letters out about suspected cases. We will send out letters about confirmed cases and any subsequent changes to year group bubbles.

Google Classroom

Please do remember to make sure you are able to log on to Google Classroom to access the children's homework. If you are having trouble with this, please do contact your child's class teacher. If there is a year group bubble closure, a local lockdown or national lockdown, the children will be taught through Google Classroom. So it is really important to practise now logging on so that you are ready for online learning should that be necessary.

I will write to you again soon with any further updates or changes to guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Ms. Claire Westcott
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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19?StartParameter>

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