

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

**Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and keeping safe.

**Thank you**

Thank you all for your support this term in keeping everyone safe when we fully re-opened to all the children in September. As a community we have shown real commitment in following the Government guidance and our school risk assessments to keep everyone safe. I know all the staff at Meridian have felt really supported by you all.

**Reception Pick up times**

A particular thank you to our Reception parents for adapting to the new staggered pick-up times. Feedback from families and school staff as well as observing at the end of the day would indicate the area is now far less congested which in turn is supporting social distancing measures and ultimately ensuring we are doing everything we can to do our bit in limiting the impact of the virus.

**Safety measures for Term 2**

As I am sure you will be aware that, whilst we remain at Tier 1, there continues to be a rise in cases in Brighton and Hove, as well as our local area with some schools nearby closing bubbles. Although we have not had to do this yet, we remain vigilant at all times and it so would be foolish to relax any of our strategies as set out in our reopening plan.

At this time we would like to remind everyone of the following guidance put in place in order to keep our staff, your children and yourselves safe.

- Only **one** parent/carer should be dropping off / collecting their child(ren) from school.
- Please make sure you drop off at the allocated times
- Please ensure your child(ren) remain with you at all times when queuing to get on the school site and when waiting on the playground.
- Once released your child is released by their class teacher we are relying on your support to maintain social distancing between year groups.
- Please do not stop to have conversations with other families once you have collected your children as this causes congestion and reduces the space to socially distance.
- Although the official government guidance does not make it a requirement for adults to wear face coverings in schools, we would encourage our parents and carers to consider wearing a face mask whilst on the school site. Please be advised that we cannot enforce this. However, with the

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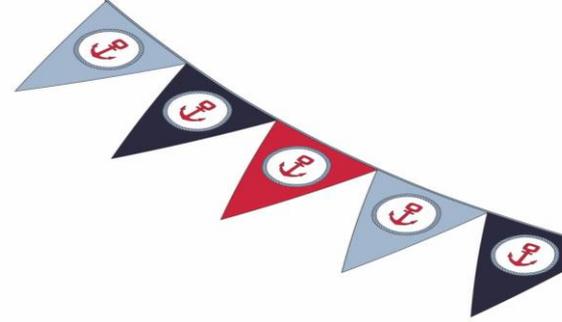
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fantastic community response we've witnessed so far we are sure you understand we're only suggesting this in order to keep everyone safe.

### 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 'circuit breaker' 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.

### Symptoms

If you are concerned that your child has symptoms, please contact [NHS119 online](#) for advice. Please do not call the school to ask for advice as we know only as much as you do. Please contact the NHS who will be able support you. If their advice is keep your child off school and get a test, please follow this advice and inform the school. If the test is negative, your child can return to school. If the test is positive, then you must let the school know immediately so that we can inform the Local Authority and the Department for Education.

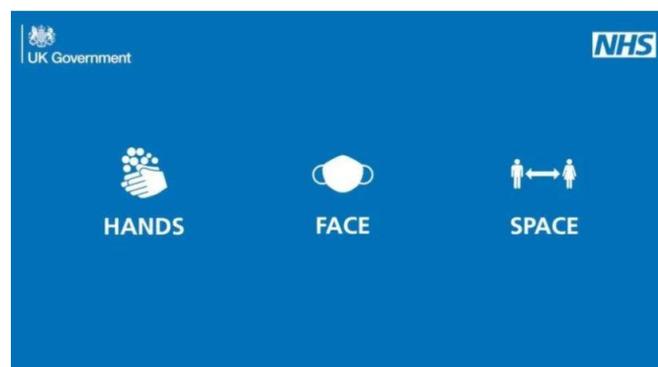
I will write to you again soon with any further updates or changes to guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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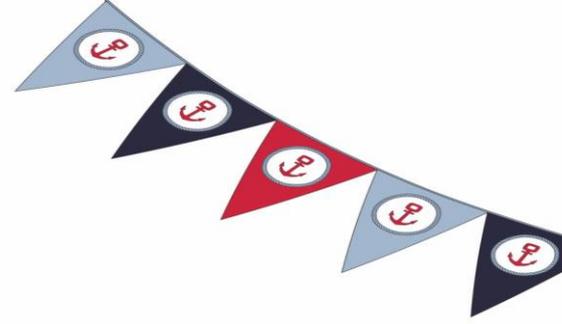




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