



# MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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

Dear Meridian parents, carers and families,

We are writing to you as the Governing Body to let you know that we have been supporting the Leadership Team at Meridian Primary School to do our best to keep everyone safe and healthy, and we are so pleased that your children have been able to return to school since September.

Your teachers have been working hard to make sure that school is as safe as it can be, and we support the decisions that they have made.

Across the country, school leaders have been under a lot of pressure to make difficult decisions, but the guidance given to schools has changed frequently and is not always clear. Ms Westcott and the Leadership Team have used the most up to date guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England to shape the policies in place in Meridian, and where they have needed to interpret the guidance, they have used all information available at the time, throughout last term and into this new school year. No decision has been made easily – every change has been researched and discussed.

As governors, we have read and signed off each policy and plan that the Senior Leadership Team have created, and we are confident that the decisions being made are centred around keeping children, staff and families safe.

We know that things are different, and it can be difficult to keep up with the rules and guidelines around covid-19. In our school, we are all relying on each other to keep safe as a community. We understand that many families are facing difficult situations, made harder by uncertainty around rules and restrictions. As you know, if anyone in school becomes ill then bubbles will need closing and a whole group of children will need to stay at home, so we all need to be extra careful.

As we go into the next term, please make sure that you continue to stay up to date with school news, so that we are all following the same plan. The Meridian team are doing their best to let everyone know when there are changes to what is in place to keep everyone safe.

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If you aren't sure of something, please speak to your class teacher or Ms Westcott, or check on the school jotter or website.

During these strange times we'll need to keep working together, supporting each other to do our best for the all the children at Meridian Community Primary School.

Kind regards,

**Meridian Community Primary School and Nursery Governing Body:**

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