

Headteacher message

Can you believe that we are into our third week of this half term? We have been having such a wonderful time back at school with the children that the days are flying by.

Secondary School

It is the time of year when our year 6 parents are thinking about their child transition to secondary and having to choose schools for September 2021. The application process can only be completed online. Deadline for application is October 31st 2020. It is important that you do not delay in choosing your schools and submitting your application. Due to Covid 19, many secondary schools will be holding virtual open events rather than allowing parents to visit the schools en masse as is usually the case. Please refer to the Transfer to Secondary school September 2021 document for lots of information including:

- schools in Merton
- Admissions criteria for school
- Important dates
- Applying for schools outside of Merton

The link address for this document is below.

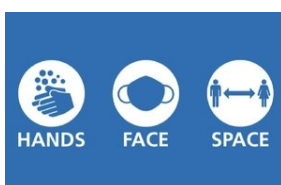
<https://www.merton.gov.uk/assets/Documents/TSS%202021.pdf>

Please visit the Merton.gov.uk website for more information and to begin your application process.

If you require support to complete the application or need to ask any questions, please contact the school office to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Breakfast and after school clubs

There are spaces available in our breakfast and after school club provision. Please contact the office you would like your child to attend.



Useful links and guidance

Making support bubble with another household

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and well being during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental>

Considerate parking

Please do not park in front of our school gates or across resident's driveways. Plan your journey to school to allow time for you to find a safe space to park and then to walk to the school. Inconsiderate parking poses risks to others (particularly when blocking our emergency services entrance to the school) and causes inconvenience and annoyance to our neighbouring residents.

Clever Never Goes

We have a number of children travelling to and from school alone. It is important that you are assured that your child knows what to do in the event of any emergency. In addition children must also be spoken to about Stranger Danger. 'Clever Never Goes' is the alternative to Stranger Danger and provides resources you can use to support teaching your child about stranger danger at home. Visit the webpage below:

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/clever-never-goes/>



PE Days

Monday	Year 1
	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 4
	Year 3
Thursday	Year 5
	Lotus (year 4)
Friday	Reception

Children should come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. PE kit: Dark blue/black jogging bottoms/shorts, white polo shirt, trainers, and school jumper. Children must not wear jewellery on their PE days (small studs can be worn), water bottles must be named.

PE is an important subject supporting children's physical and mental well being. All children must take part in PE lessons and it is your responsibility to ensure that your child has a full PE kit.

If your child does not have PE on their allocated day this may be due to redeployment of staff. We will do our utmost to ensure that children receive their allocated PE session.

Attendance

Year 1	89.4%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	87.9%
Year 4	92.4%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	96.1%

Whole school 91.4%

The vast majority of our children have been arriving to school on time.

Arriving to school late is disruptive to learning and does not support the protective measures we have put in place for everyone. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.

The Rule of One

Only one adult should accompany a child to school and collect at the end of the school day. We have noticed an increase in the number of adults collecting children at the end of the school day.

Remember the rule of **ONE!**

Once you have collected your child, please leave the site immediately.

Thank you.



Office

A gentle reminder that visits to the school office should be arranged in advance by phone. We are limiting visitors to the school office to safeguard our school community.

Bond Language of the Month

Each month we select a language spoken by our families to be our Language of the Month. Children are encouraged to share their language and teach us greeting phrases. Our language for this month is:

SHONA.

Shona is a Bantu language spoken by the shona community in Zimbabwe.

Mhoroi vanhu vese

Hello everyone

Main symptom of Coronavirus

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If a child presents with any of the above at school, you will be asked to collect your child and seek medical advice as soon as possible and follow their advice which may indicate that your child should be tested for Covid 19. Your child must not return to school until you have sought medical advice or a test and have spoken to the school. Please ensure that you keep the school updated on your child's symptoms and advice given.

Medication



If your child is asthmatic or has a medical condition requiring specific medication which may need to be administered at school, you must ensure that we have these in school. Items must be clearly labelled and not have expired. Please arrange to bring these to the school office.