



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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20th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to share with you some important information for September.

Start and Finish Times

The school day will start promptly at 8.55 am for all pupils. However, the children can come into school from 8.40 - 8.55 am so there is a window of 15 minutes.

Pick up times will revert to:

Nursery: 3.30 pm

Reception and Key Stage 1: 3.10 pm

Key Stage 2: 3.20 pm

There will no longer be a one-way system on site although we would encourage families to enter via the main gate and leave via the back gate.

Walking Home Alone

If you have a child(ren), who will be in Year 5 and 6 from September and you wish them to walk home alone, you will need to complete the appropriate consent form. A copy of this will be emailed to you should you wish to complete before September.

Mobile Phones

If you wish your Year 5 or 6 child to bring a mobile phone to school, you will need to complete the appropriate consent form. A copy of this will be emailed to you should you wish to complete before September.

Uniform

Full school uniform and school shoes is the expectation in September and a list can be found on the website. Trainers will not be permitted (other than plain black with no markings). If you have any difficulty or require further information regarding uniform, please email admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk

Pierced earrings

This time of year is ideal if you are considering having your child's ears pierced. If you are going to have this done, could you please do so at the start of the holiday. This will give the piercings time to heal (generally about six weeks). After this the starter earrings can usually be removed without any problems problem.

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We follow the local authority guidance and requirements on PE and the policy is that all jewellery (including earrings) must be removed for PE. Taping of earrings is not allowed. If your child cannot take their earrings out, they will have to sit out of PE lessons (including swimming) until they can remove their earrings. Please be aware that members of staff will not remove or re-insert earrings; any child with pierced ears must be able to do this for themselves.

Track and Trace/Bubbles

As from 18th July 2021, close contacts of positive cases are identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. This means that classes/whole year groups are no longer expected to self-isolate, even when a positive case has been confirmed.

Attendance

It is expected that children arrive promptly to start the school day and attend regularly.

Medicines

All prescribed medicine that we hold in school, including asthma pumps, must be within date when we return in September otherwise it cannot be administered. Our medicine policy is on the school website on the parents' page.

Travel over the summer holiday period

Please remember to check any requirements to isolate on return from any overseas travel you may undertake. We cannot provide more detailed information at the time of writing as travel guidelines are changing regularly.

School Office

The School Office will be closed over the holidays from Thursday 22nd July. Emails will be checked intermittently during the six weeks.

I will write to parents/carers when we return in September, or earlier should there be any change to the guidance over the summer period.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff, to wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe summer holiday. Thank you for your support over this challenging time; your children are a credit to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robinson