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WEEKLY UPDATE - 11th SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Attendance - If your child is fit and healthy, they must attend school as normal. If they are unwell you must follow usual attendance procedures by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708 by 9.15am each day your child is ill, giving the reason for the absence.

If your child is unwell with any Covid type symptoms, please do not send them to school and call the school office for advice. A quick reference guide for Coronavirus related absences is on our website and at the end of this update.

If your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus or you have any questions that you would like to ask us regarding this, please send all queries to covid@dsatmerrydale.org This inbox will be checked regularly, including out of hours.

Outdoor Play Equipment - Unfortunately, due the current situation with Covid-19 we are unable to use the outdoor play equipment. Please ensure that your children do not play on the equipment in the mornings or afternoons whilst they are waiting to enter or leaving school. We hope that the play area can be in use again in the near future but for now we appreciate your co-operation with this.

Computers/Internet - We are trying to help support learning for children at home and are currently carrying out a survey on computer and internet access. If you have not already completed the survey, please click the link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNE0SvIrNkXNPvsYVZMdUu9JUM0xJUIZZNEEyTkVaVVJPTkhEV0hPVVU2Qy4u>

School admissions – Year 6 IMPORTANT - Families can now apply online for entry in 2021/22 for a secondary school place. The deadline for applying is **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>

We are holding sessions to help with completing your form on 29th September 2020 from 8:15am – 10:15am or on 13th October between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Do not just turn up, you MUST book appointment by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708.

School admissions – Year 2 IMPORTANT - If you have a younger child who will need to apply for a place in Year 3 in 2021/22. The deadline is Friday 15 January 2021. <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-junior-school/>

Twitter - We will be sharing what we get up to in class & our learning on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/merrydalejunior?lang=en>

Merrydale Blog

We would encourage all children visit the school blog www.merrydale.net – There are great weekly writing challenges for the children to enjoy!



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Reading books – Please return the reading books that you were issued with last term as we need all these books returned as soon as possible. New reading books and homework books are currently hold. As soon as we are able to start sending books home again, we will but in the meantime please try to encourage your child to read their own books at home.

Parking – Thank you to all the parents who are parking away from the school gates and walking to school. It gets very congested on Claydon Road so for the safety of all the children, parents and staff may we politely remind you to park away from the school gates. Please do not drop your child off and park your car in the middle of the road.

Masks - Most parents are being very supportive about wearing your masks on premises, thank you. This has been introduced for everyone’s safety so please do wear a mask for the short time you are dropping off/collection your child. **Please be polite to staff - we are there to help!**

Belongings – We do not have much space in the classrooms so please do not send your child into school with large bags or pencil cases. All they need to bring in is their healthy snack, lunch box if they are not having a school dinner and their named water bottle.

PE days - PE kits need to be in school on the following days:

	W/C – 07/09/2020	W/C – 14/09/2020	/C - 21/09/2020	W/C - 28/09/2020	W/C - 05/10/2020	W/C - 12/10/2020
Year 3	Monday Tuesday	Monday Wednesday	Monday Wednesday	Monday Thursday	Monday Tuesday	Monday Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Tuesday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday Friday	Thursday Friday	Tuesday Friday	Wednesday Friday	Wednesday Friday	Thursday Friday
Year 6	Thursday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Thursday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday

Medication – If your child suffers with asthma, they must always have an inhaler in school. A medication consent form needs to be completed and they need to be added to our Asthma register. Any medication for you child needs a consent form. Please speak to the office for a form.

Breakfast Club – we have limited places in breakfast club and this will be available from 7.30am-8.30am every morning (entry via school office reception for breakfast club only). The cost is £3.50 and payment must be made on ParentPay. As places are limited, please do not just turn up, you will need to call the office to book in advance so we know how many children to cater for.



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Free School Meals - If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals please call Leicester City Council on 0116 454 1009, option 3. You will need your national insurance number and they will tell you if you are eligible.

ParentPay - Thank you to all Parents that have registered their ParentPay accounts. If you have not registered your account, we ask that you do this as soon as possible. The registration details have been sent out by email to Parents this week but if you need help or have any questions please call the school office staff on 0116 276 7708 who will be happy to help you. It is important that all Parents register even if your child does not have school dinners or receives free school meals as this will be the only way going forward to pay for any school trips/clubs breakfast club etc. and also consent forms will need to be completed on ParentPay.

School Meals – School hot meals cost £2.30 per day and are paid on ParentPay. A copy of next week's menu is at the end of this newsletter.

Online Safety – <https://www.merrydalejuniors.com/parent-information/esafety>

Please use the above link to visit Merrydale's e-safety information.

We encourage all families to read and use the information provided to keep our children safe when using the internet at home and create e-confident learners!

School Office – As we need to reduce the access to the school site, there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception. If you need to speak a member of staff or the office, please call 0116 276 7708 or email office@dsatmerrydale.org to make an appointment first. We will also be in the playground every morning to answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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School Dinners for this week are as follows:

	Monday 14th September	Tuesday 15th September	Wednesday 16th September	Thursday 17th September	Friday 18th September
RED (Meat choice)	Pizza topped with tuna & sweetcorn Jacket wedges Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken pie & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Organic lamb bolognaise & Garlic bread Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Roast Turkey, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Parsley potatoes Cabbage Cauliflower	Battered fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken pie & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Organic lamb bolognaise & Garlic bread Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Roast Chicken, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Parsley potatoes, cabbage and cauliflower	Battered fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Sweetcorn Peas	Quorn stir fry Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Cheese & potato pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Country vegetable pie & gravy Potatoes in the skins Cabbage Cauliflower	Quorn dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
Dessert will be a handheld baked biscuit/cake or fruit choice.					

All Year 3 parents, please remember that school hot meals are no longer free and will cost £2.30 (unless you are registered and qualify for Free School Meals). All meals need to be paid for on ParentPay as we no longer take cash at the school office.



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If you child has ANY of the following symptoms:

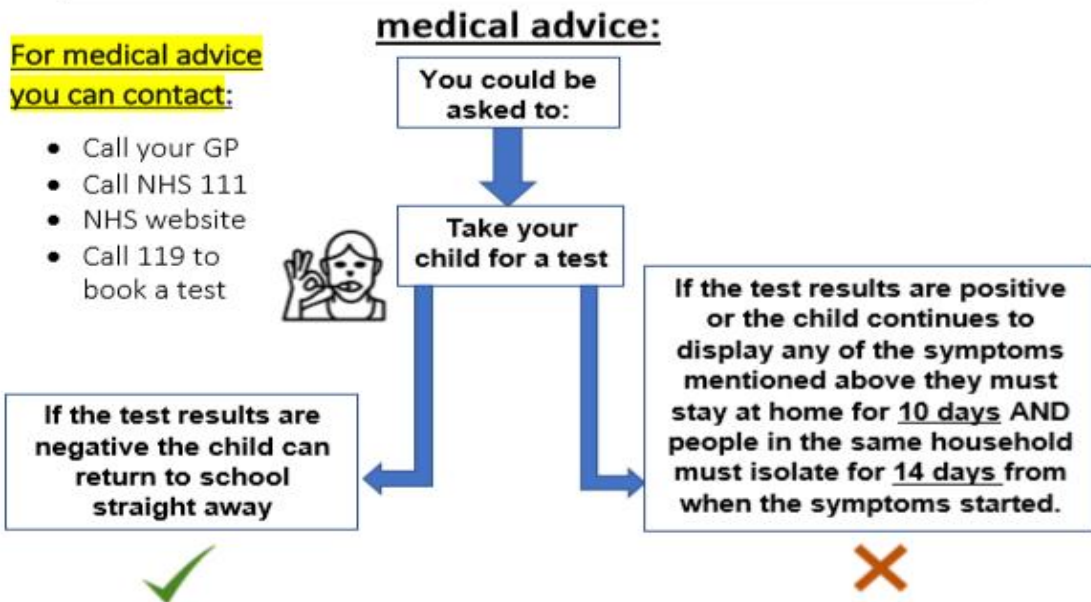
A high temperature – 38° or more. 

Loss of taste or smell. 

New continuous cough – a cough that lasts over an hour or long coughing episodes 3 times in 24 hours 

DO NOT come to school. You **MUST** contact the school to let us know. Everyone in your household needs to self-isolate in line with the government guidance.

The government guidance is that you should seek



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