



WEEKLY UPDATE – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update. I hope you are finding them informative.

Hoodies – You may have seen in our risk assessment that windows and doors need to be left open to allow for ventilation in our classrooms. As the weather starts to get colder, the children will need to wear extra layers. Your child will be allowed to wear a hoodie in school, so long as it is the royal blue colour of the school.

If you cannot buy one locally, you could buy a hoodie in school through the school using ParentPay. It is the same price for any size. Cost is £8.35 without a school logo and £10.50 with a school logo. If you want to buy one, please order through ParentPay – deliveries will take approximately 14 days as we can only place one whole school order per week.

Flu Immunisations – IMPORTANT

The Flu vaccine is available in school for all children in our school. COVID-19 will be co-circulating with Flu this winter. To protect the young, elderly, and vulnerable in our communities all those eligible for the Flu Vaccine are encouraged to have it.

Your child has been invited to take up the nasal spray flu vaccination. This year, as well as the nasal spray there is also a gelatine-free injectable option, as we recognise that gelatine used in the manufacture of the nasal flu vaccine is a barrier for some parents. If you would like to opt for this version instead, please bear in mind that it may not be as effective as the nasal flu spray and is subject to availability.

Please respond to your invitation for the vaccine by completing the consent form that has been sent from school, so your family can be better protected this winter.

To be given the vaccination in school you need to complete an ONLINE consent form by visiting:

www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need a code for your child's school. For Merrydale Junior School the code is LE143244

If you want to opt for the flu injection, please complete the consent form as normal. On the consent page, select 'No' to the nasal flu and you will be given the option of the flu injection.

Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form as soon as possible after receiving this letter.

If you are unable to complete this online, please ring us to complete this over the phone on 0300 300 0007 (select option 1 then option 4).

Glasses – If your child needs to wear glasses, please make sure you send them with them every day. It is important that children wear the glasses they are prescribed to help with their learning.





ICT Acceptable use of school's ICT systems and Internet – **MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY CHILD!**

Each year we ask Parents/Carers and children to read and sign the ICT Acceptable use agreement. This year we will be an online form. [This is the link https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNCANHphDf490iFMQpUSNVgpUNDJGVkIBMTg0WTM2ODBWOUJKS09MNTThUMy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNCANHphDf490iFMQpUSNVgpUNDJGVkIBMTg0WTM2ODBWOUJKS09MNTThUMy4u)

We ask that Parents/Carers sit with their child and explain what is expected of them at school to keep themselves and everyone else safe when using the internet. **If you have already completed this, thank you. If you have not completed this we would be grateful if this could be done as soon as possible.**

Webcast – The first broadcast for parents from Paul Stone, CEO took place on 9th September. If you missed this first session, please click this link [webcast here](#) to watch it. The Discovery Live event will be held on Tuesday 29th Sept at 1pm and will be to discuss;

School Contingency Plans and Home Learning Packs.
DfE Expectations for Remote Learning.

'Schools are expected to consider how to continue to improve the quality of their existing offer and have a strong contingency plan in place for remote education provision by the end of September.'

This event will discuss and explain how the schools within the Trust have created a contingency plan and a home learning pack to allow them to support the staff, the parents and the children during periods of lockdown and remote online learning. There will time for questions and answers throughout the event as well as a final session at the end of the presentation.

Masks - We are now actively urging parents to wear face-covering when dropping off and picking up children from school, please also be aware of social distancing. This is to keep us all safe and we would be very grateful for your co-operation.

PE Kits

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





Privacy Notices – Under data protection law, you have a right to be informed about how our Trust uses any personal data that we hold about you. We comply with this right by providing ‘privacy notices’ (sometimes called ‘fair processing notices’). The attached privacy notices explain how we collect, store and use personal data about parents and carers/pupils at our school. They are also available on the school website.

SCHOOL MEALS COST £2.30 PER DAY; THIS SHOULD BE PAID ON PARENTPAY BEFORE THE MEAL IS TAKEN

	Monday 28 th September	Tuesday 29 th September	Wednesday 30 th September	Thursday 1 st October	Friday 2 nd October
RED (Meat choice)	Salmon & Spinach Frittata Pasta spirals in tomato sauce Mixed salad Coleslaw	Chicken fillet with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Organic lamb meatballs Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Chicken curry & Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Fishcake with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Chicken fillet with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Organic lamb meatballs Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Chicken curry & Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Fishcake with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Vegetable bolognese Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Cheese flan Boiled potatoes Broccoli florets Creamy coleslaw	Quorn tikka masala Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Vegetarian fingers Chips Baked beans Peas
Dessert will be a handheld baked biscuit/cake or fruit choice.					

School Office – As there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception, if you need to speak a member 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.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Mugglestone, Head Teacher

