



Mereworth Community Primary School

Parent Protocol – September 2020

1. Please check your child's temperature **every morning**; if this is 37.8 degrees or above (even if you consider this to be for a reason unrelated to COVID-19), DO NOT send your child to school. **If your child seems in any way unwell or off colour, even without a raised temperature, please DO NOT send them to school**, as the symptoms of COVID-19 are many and varied and may not be immediately obvious. If you are unsure, please consult your GP or the NHS website for more information. Please follow the normal school absence system and call the school office by 9.30am explaining why your child is absent.
2. **If your child, or anyone in your household**, has any of the signs and symptoms of the coronavirus, however mild, DO NOT send your child to school and advise us immediately.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>
3. If a member of your household (other than your child) is contacted via the NHS Test and Trace Service and told to self-isolate for 14 days, under current guidance your child can still attend school provided they are able to avoid contact with the self-isolating person at home. If the person develops symptoms, then the child MUST not attend school.
4. With the exception of allergy medication, we are unable to administer any medicine to any children in school e.g. antibiotics, paracetamol etc.
5. Please ensure that you keep to your allocated drop off and collection time.
6. Parents must observe all social distancing rules at all times. Please do not gather in groups to talk to other parents/children when you are dropping off or collecting your child(ren).
7. If you need to pass on important information to your child's teacher for the day ahead, please email or call the school office. For all other class related matters, please use the class email address (Monday – Friday 8am-4pm, allowing 48 hours for a response).
8. On arrival at school, please only drop off at your child's designated area. If you have more than one child attending, then you will follow the system in place for siblings.
9. Year 6 children will not be allowed to walk to the school from the church in the morning. You must bring your child to the drop off area and collect them from there at the end of the day. Year 6 pupils leave the school after all other pupils. They will be able to walk to the church at the end of the school day for their parent to collect.
10. Please observe all signs and information displayed around the school grounds.
11. Please adhere to the government's **latest** guidelines, to ensure all children and staff are safe - for example, regarding rules around socialising with people outside of your household and the NHS Test and Trace Service.
12. Please ensure that your child washes their hands with soap and water before leaving home every day.
13. Please talk to your child regularly about the importance of hand washing, social distancing, and not touching their face.
14. Your child needs to bring a named water bottle to school each day. It **must** be taken home each night and thoroughly washed.
15. You can send in a healthy nut-free snack for your child to eat at break time if you wish.
16. If your child is bringing their own packed lunch, ideally this should be in a disposable bag with your child's name on it, however if it is in a lunch box/bag then this must be thoroughly cleaned every night. Please ensure that you include cutlery where required e.g. a spoon for yoghurt.
17. Your child should bring their water bottle, sun hat and packed lunch/snack if required to school everyday.
18. Your child will need to have a PE kit in school for the whole term. This should include tracksuit bottoms and a warm top, in plain, dark colours.
19. Your child will need to have wellies and a waterproof coat in school for the whole term. This will remain in school and will be used for outdoor learning, Forest School activities and playing outside (on the school field) in wet weather.
20. Please ensure that all items belonging to your child e.g. water bottle, all clothing including sun hat, lunch box/bag are clearly named.