



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a wonderful holiday so far and that you are beginning to start thinking about preparing for your child's return to school.

The operational guidance from the Government continues to be sent to schools and I am pleased to be able to inform you all of the fact that we will be able to open our school gates with a greater sense of what we remember and what we are looking forward to. Our children and staff will not need to operate in class or year group bubbles, which will mean greater curricular flexibility. There are some organisational systems that we have benefitted from during this pandemic, which we will continue to adopt, as these systems have proven beneficial to the smooth running of our school.

We will continue to regularly review and update our BeDifferent risk assessment - treating it as a 'living document', as the circumstances in our school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned. Alongside our risk assessment we have an outbreak management plan that covers the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period if there is an outbreak, to reduce mixing between groups. Our systems of control will continue to prioritise good hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes and keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

### **Coronavirus guidance**

We will still be working within the **Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (Covid-19) infection**: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible, keeping your child at home and informing us at the office. This still applies to anyone that has had one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine. If your child tests positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

From the 16<sup>th</sup> August, if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months you will not be required to self-isolate, if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated and you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate.

### **The Google Classroom**

We will still be required to provide remote education to any child that is self-isolating and is well enough to be learning from home. Your child's Google classroom login details will be included on the inside of your child's Reading Record and our reviewed remote learning programme will be sent to you at the start of this term. The Google Classroom will continue to be an 'active' platform for us to share learning with your child and to communicate with you. Details of what this will mean for you and your child will also follow.





### Organisational changes

Our reviewed start to the school day which involved the children coming into school in phases enabled the children to settle much more quickly to their early morning activities and eased congestion at the front of the school. We will therefore continue to have a short phased start to each day. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will still be present at each of the gates to welcome you and respond to immediate queries with the times detailed as below:

	8.30 am	8.40 am	8.45 am	8.50 am	12.30 pm
Tower Hill-astroturf gate		Years 5 and 6	Year 4	Year 2	
Year three gate			Year 3		
Hyde Park Corner-back gate	Reception			Year 1	
Hyde Park Corner-main entrance	Nursery				Nursery (pm)

Collection arrangements will also be phased and you will continue to be welcomed by a Senior Leader at the gate but you will be able to collect your child from the back door of the classroom so that the staff member may have some contact with you, ahead of their child going home with you.

	11.30 am	3.00 pm	3.10 pm	3.15 pm	3.20 pm	3.30 pm
Tower Hill-astroturf gate			Years 5 and 6	Year 4	Year 2	
Year three gate				Year 3		
Hyde Park Corner-back gate		Reception			Year 1	
Hyde Park Corner-main entrance	Nursery (am)					Nursery (pm)

The above collection times will differ, if your child is included in our Rapid Recovery programme, which will start from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. You will receive personal contact from us, if your child is expected to stay for the Rapid Recovery sessions. Please make sure that you regularly check your parentmail for the most up to date communications.

If your child is in Years 4-6 and you would like your child to walk home alone, please make sure that you have completed the necessary paperwork that was sent via parentmail last term. If you require access to this paperwork, then please email the office who will re-send it to you.

### Contact with the school office

With the start to the school day arrangements involving a swift handover at each of the gates, face to face contact with the school office will begin from 10.00 am and close at 2.00 pm, when contact will resume 'virtually'. We would encourage you to make contact with us by telephoning the school office or by emailing us. Reporting a school absence, requesting a meeting with a member of staff or any other general queries will be responded to quickly. Meetings with staff may of course be scheduled out of school teaching hours. Please do contact us, if your child has prescribed medication that needs to be administered so that the relevant paperwork may be completed. All asthma pumps and epi-pens must be brought back into school. The school contact details are as follows:

[school@singlegate.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@singlegate.merton.sch.uk)  
02083958737



**PE kit**

We will continue to provide at least two and a half hours of physical activity per week and we will continue to ask you to ensure that your child wears their school PE kit to school on an identified day, as detailed below:

Day of the week	Classes
<b>Monday</b>	Knightsbridge Edgware Kennington Barbican
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oval Borough Pimlico Piccadilly
<b>Wednesday</b>	Paddington (am and pm) Victoria Temple Westminster
<b>Thursday</b>	Angel Archway Bank Euston Monument Colliers Wood
<b>Friday</b>	Wimbledon Embankment Balham Southwark

We noticed the real benefit of having the children dressed and ready for their PE session, enabling the children to enjoy a longer 'active' session. Please do make sure that your child does have a pair of trainers/plimsolls in school on a daily basis so that footwear may be changed for the daily mile session.

**Returning back to school**

Please be reminded that the first day of school for our Years 1-6 children will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September has been planned for our Early Years Open morning/afternoon sessions. Our Reception children start school full-time on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

My next communication will be **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**, which will include information about our Breakfast and After School Club provision.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bull  
Chief Executive Headteacher

