



Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Drop-off and pick-up arrangements for next week

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that your children are looking forward to coming to school next week. Staff are very much looking forward to seeing the children (and you!). As promised, please find below the details of drop-off and pick-up times.

Nursery and Reception

- Drop-off will be at 9am. Children will line up with their teachers on the playground.
- Pick-up for full-time Nursery children and all Reception children from Monday 20th September will be at 3pm from the main playground. As outlined in my previous letter, different pick-up arrangements will apply to morning Nursery children and to Reception children during their settling in period.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

- Drop-off will be at 8.55am.
- Year 1 and Year 2 children will line up with their teachers on the playground.
- Year 3 children will line up with their teachers in the ball court.
- Pick up will be at 3.05pm.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

- Children will arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am.
- They will walk straight into the school building and go up the stairs to their classrooms independently. Staff will be on hand in the top hall to support children in where to go and what to do.
- Pick up will be at 3.10pm from the playground.

Families with more than one child

- Please arrive at 8.55am. Y4-6 children will go into the school building independently and N-Y3 children will join their line.

- Please arrive from 3pm (at whatever is the earliest pick-up time) and wait for all your children on a spot.

Children will wash their hands upon arrival at school. Handwashing will take place on the playground, in the toilets or in the classrooms as directed and supervised by staff.

As usual, all children will be dismissed from the playground by their teachers at the end of the day. If you wish your child to walk home alone, please confirm this in writing by emailing the school office at sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk

Whilst the white spot system will remain in place on the playground, the wearing of face coverings will be a personal choice for parents/carers.

Thank you for supporting us with the above arrangements. As the playground is a potentially crowded area, these arrangements will allow some easing of restrictions whilst keeping our school community safe.

Play Club and Breakfast Club

If you applied for a place at Play Club or Breakfast Club for your child, I can confirm that your child has a place. Please note that children will no longer be kept in year group bubbles; rather, Breakfast Club will be one group and Play Club will be one group.

And finally...

Governors, staff and I feel both optimistic and realistic about the new term. We will continue to mitigate against Covid risks and gradually ease restrictions in school, keeping all our routines under regular review. For example, lunchtimes for children will be extended slightly from next week, classrooms are being arranged less formally and we are working towards some mixing of children at playtimes and lunchtimes. We will write to you about this further next week. In the meantime, please be reassured that in line with government guidance, protective factors remain in place - we will continue to ensure good hygiene practices, ventilation and regular cleaning, and staff will continue to take part in twice weekly testing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Jo

Jo Graham - Headteacher