



MERTON Junior School

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"Be Wise,
Together We
Succeed"



About us



I am extremely proud to be the Head teacher of Merton Junior School. The children make it a fantastic place to work and I feel privileged to be part of their journey in education.

At Merton, we feel strongly about the importance of teamwork and collaboration which is echoed in our motto— “Be Wise, Together We Succeed.” We are very much a team and we look forward to working with yourselves, as parents and carers, in ensuring that your child’s time at Merton Junior School is happy, successful and memorable.

We believe in developing a Growth Mindset amongst our children and encourage this positive attitude—emphasising that it is not that they “can’t do it” but that they may not be able to do it “yet” and we are here to develop their strategies and skillset to ensure that they are successful in everything that they try their hand at.

It is important for us that every child is happy and enjoys their time in school. There will be times in the school year where we invite you in to see what your child has been up to—these dates will be sent out in termly year group newsletters, regular school newsletters and will be on our website; we also use our school Facebook page to let parents know of events which are coming up.

This booklet is designed to tell you everything that you need to know as your child joins Merton Junior School but if you have any further questions then please do just ask.

We look forward to working in partnership with you as you join the Merton family.



“Thank you for helping to give our children such a wide range of experiences.” - Parent

“Once again Merton has shown what an amazing school it is. The opportunities you give our children are wonderful.” - Parent



Our School Day

8:45am Doors open
9:00am Morning register taken
10:45 - 11:00am Break time
12:30-1:15pm Lunchtime
1:15pm Afternoon registration
3.20pm End of school day



How will I know how my child is getting on?



We use the following as ways of communicating:

- Home school books (please sign when you have heard your child read/write a message for the class teacher);
- Staff will be available, on the playground, at the end of each day;
- Telephone/face to face contact in first two weeks;
- Parents' Evening in the Autumn and Spring Terms;
- Annual report in July



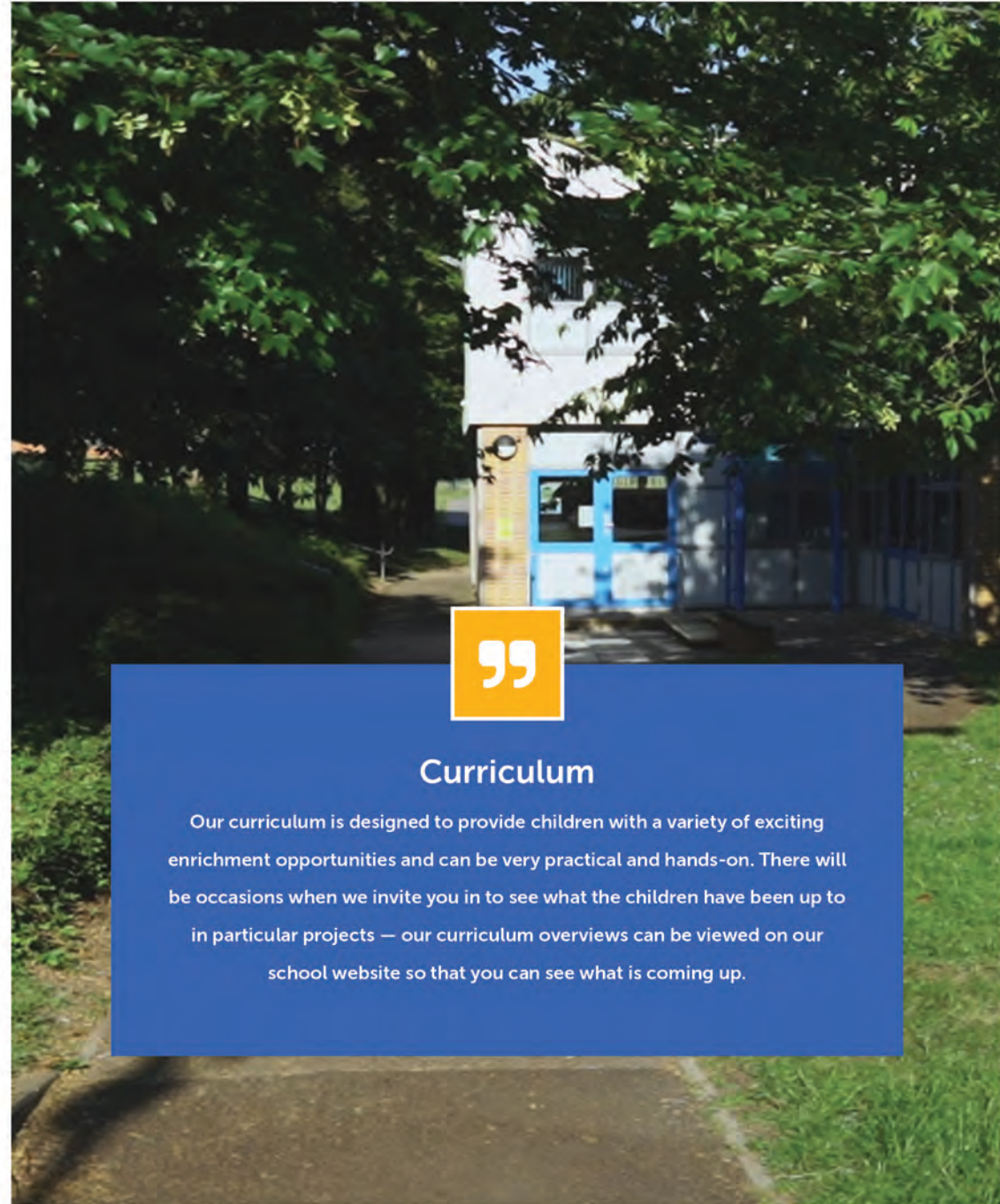
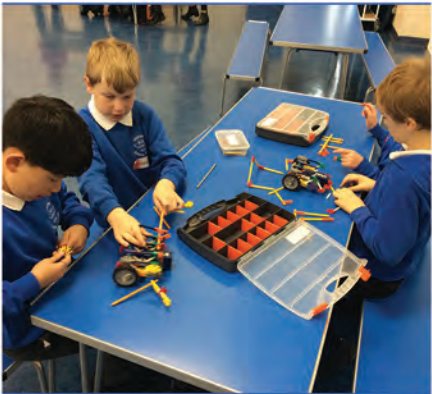
Our office staff are always happy to answer questions so please email or pop in and speak to them. If you would like to book an appointment with the class teacher or SENDCo then please contact the office.

How will I know that my child is safe?

The safety of your child is incredibly important to us. Our site is secure, with fences surrounding the school grounds, as well as gates which are locked throughout the day. There is a gate with a keypad to enter the site and the doors into the building have security codes to prevent access.

We regularly discuss safety and site security with children so that they are aware of this and feel safe.

Any visitors must sign at the main reception and wear a visitors' badge.



Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to provide children with a variety of exciting enrichment opportunities and can be very practical and hands-on. There will be occasions when we invite you in to see what the children have been up to in particular projects — our curriculum overviews can be viewed on our school website so that you can see what is coming up.



Clubs

Wraparound care before and after school available at Merton Infant School.

Afterschool Clubs are available at Merton Junior School.

Please enquire with a member of the office staff for more information.



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Uniform

It is important to us that children are presented in a way that is suitable for school. We ask that our pupils attend appropriately dressed so that he/she will develop a positive attitude towards school, both as a community and as a place of work.

Girls

- Grey knee-length skirt, pinafore dress or long trousers
- Blue-checked summer dress
- Blue school jumper, cardigan or fleece
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Dark-coloured school shoes



Boys

- Grey long or short trousers
- Blue school jumper or fleece
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Dark-coloured school shoes

School fleeces and reversible jackets are also available from Skoolkit.

P.E. Kit

We promote good habits at Merton and all children will be expected to have a change of clothes for PE.

- Dark shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Change of footwear for outside is essential (plimsolls or trainers)
- In winter, a track suit is advisable as we will still try and go out whenever weather permits
- A draw string bag

Book bags

All children will need a book bag which can be purchased from Skoolkit. We ask that children do not bring rucksacks into school as we do not have the space to store these.



Merton's School Code

Try your best and take pride in all you do.

Treat others, your work and belongings with respect.

Follow adults' instructions the first time they are given.

Move calmly and quietly around the school.

Speak politely and kindly at all times.

Believe in yourself 'I can do this' OR 'I can't do this yet.'

What happens on the first day?

Children, at 8:45am, will enter through the pupil door at the side of the school building and make their way to class;

Once in the classroom, lunch boxes go on the class trolley;

Water bottles go by the class sink;


Snack money goes in the child's tray;


PE kits go on their named peg;


At 3.20pm, the children will be led out by their class teacher for you to collect them. This is a good chance for you to meet your child's teacher and introduce yourself.





Please make sure that your contact details are always kept up-to-date in case we ever need to contact you. We use various methods of contact, including text message, and may need to contact you during the school day. If you ever have any questions please come in and speak to the office, telephone or email us. We are really looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child's time at Merton Junior is a happy one.

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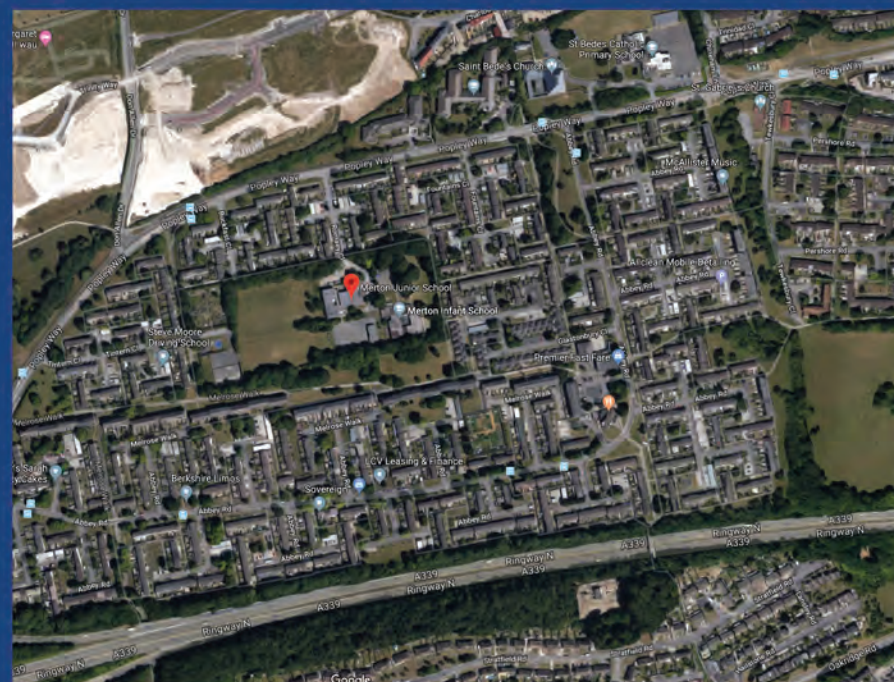
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