



# Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention that some children are experiencing discomfort from the regular hand-washing regime that we have in school to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Whilst we are not able to reduce the amount of times that children and staff are expected to wash/sanitise their hands due to government guidance, we would like to make it clear to parents, carers and families that, if they wish, they are able to send in their own hand soap, hand sanitiser or hand cream into school for their children to use if they wish. If you do decide to send in any of these items, please make sure they are in a named bottle.

Government guidance also states that school buildings must be as well-ventilated as possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In our classrooms and teaching spaces, this means that all windows remain open throughout the day. As we move closer to winter, we are aware that this can mean that classrooms are colder than usual. We would advise parents and carers to ensure children wear appropriate clothing for this and consider ensuring that children wear several layers of clothing when the weather is colder.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact school. The safest method for this currently is via e-mail: [office@merridaleprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@merridaleprimary.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Lane  
Headteacher