

River Mead School



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The school office is open and you can contact school via the telephone if you need assistance

Our school latest news: <http://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news>

Our Twitter feed: @TweetRiverMead

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/River-Mead-School-728064724207622/>

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a week of weather extremes we have seen in the past few days, it reminds us all that you really need to be prepared for the great British weather! In the space of a week we have seen temperatures soar to over 30°C followed by heavy rain and thunder storms. Please make sure that your children are appropriately protected especially if coming into school.

- Sun cream
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- Or
- Wellie boots
- Waterproof trousers
- Waterproof coat

Please make sure that everything coming into school is named. In addition, you may be asked to send in a change of clothes if 'water play' is going to take place. We do have a small number of spare clothes, waterproof coats and wellies, but NOT sun cream or sunhats.

Please remember the current Covid-19 crisis IS NOT OVER we must still ALL remain vigilant, keep a social distance from those people not in our household. Please continue to help to keep our families and community safe. This virus is hidden and you cannot see who carries it unless they are already ill and some will be asymptomatic carriers, with no obvious symptoms. Remember to wash your hands frequently, when you can't do this use alcohol based hand sanitiser. For sneezes and coughs 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and wear a face covering on public transport at all times.

Stay safe everyone!
Best Wishes
Mrs Karen Austin
Head of School

Staying Safe

These are difficult times. You may be feeling anxious or feeling unsafe in your home. Here are some people you can talk to or places you can go to for support and advice.



ChildLine is a free, private and confidential service where you can be you. Whatever your worry about, whenever you need help, however you want to get in touch. They are there for you online and on the phone

Call **Child line on: 0800 1111** (open from 9am each day for calls and 1-2-1 counsellor chats)

Child line can also offer advice about how to ask for help:

Asking an adult for help

Are you worried about what is happening in your family? Are there arguments or violence at home? Go to www.thehideout.org.uk for advice and guidance and [watch this video to find out about what domestic abuse is.](#)

Young Minds can help with anxiety and mental health support including if you are struggling with self-isolation and the impact of coronavirus.



The Samaritans can be contacted at any time and you can talk to them in your own way - off the record – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal. **Call anytime, day or night 116 123.**

Staying safe online

You are likely to be spending more time on line than usual. Keeping yourself safe on line is really important. Here are places you can go for advice and to report something you are worried about online.

CEOP help children stay safe online. Has someone acted inappropriately towards you online, or to someone you know? It may be a sexual chat, being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable or someone being insistent on meeting up.

You can report it here: <http://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Thinkuknow has advice for all ages about staying safe on your phone, tablet or a computer – have a look.

Contacting Staff & School

- The School office is now fully open for normal working hours and **ALL** contact should be via the school office on 01225 703428 or via office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk
- If you have a home learning/learning enquiry please email homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk
- It is **NOT** appropriate to contact staff out of hours (working day 8.45am-5pm) including weekends, via e-mail, on Seesaw, Class Dojo or via emergency school mobile phones. All staff require time with their own families and to have time away from work; this is important for their well-being.
- Some staff may choose to comment on children's learning out of hours due to agreed flexible working arrangements. However please do not expect a comment or acknowledgement of online learning outside of normal working hours.
- In a genuine emergency that requires an immediate response out of hours please email head@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk with URGENT and the issue in the subject line.

Cashless School

Our aim is to remain cashless, with effect from September. Please ensure that you have access (and successfully logged into) the schools' online payment system 'SimsPay' as this will be where you are able to pay for school items such as: dinners, before and after school club, trips, nursery fees etc. As you are aware, all items must be purchased in advance. If you have any queries, please email

office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk.

Admin Vacancy

Admin Assistant, 35 hours per week M-Fr 8.30am-4.30pm, term time only plus TD Days and 1 further week in the holidays. Band C-D £17771-19171 pro rata. Full details are on our website. Click here for details: [vacancy](#)



Drop-off / Pick-up



If your child is in school, please support us by being on time (not too early). This will mean that you can line up for your child to come into school at the right gate, at the right time. And do the reverse to collect them.

- **Keyworker 9am-3.15pm**
(unless agreed otherwise)
- **Nursery, 9am-3pm**
- **Reception, 9.15am-3.15pm**
- **Y1, 9.15am-3pm**
- **Y6, 8.45am-2.45pm**

If you are too late and there is not an adult on either gate, please use the office intercom and you will be given instructions to either go to the correct gate where an adult will meet you or a member of staff will collect your child from the front door.

We are NOT able to be flexible on these timings as we have limited staff available.

Star of the Week

We will continue to celebrate 'Star of the Week', teachers are looking at your online learning and the other super activities you are doing and for those children who are still with us, your work and activities in school too!

This week we are celebrating;

- **Otters** – Ashley Lloyd
- **Magpies** – Lillian
- **Frogs** – Sienna
- **Hérons** – Sydney
- **Kestrels** – Aarusha
- **Badgers** – Anastasia
- **Buzzards** – Neyo
- **In school** – Sam C

Remember to celebrate at home and make it special!

We Miss You!

We continue to find ways to connect with all of the children alongside Seesaw or Class Dojo. Teachers will still make one last telephone call before the end of term to those children not in school. This week Y5 and Y6 will be meeting as a class online in a 'Google Meet' (we hope to plan some more too)!

Please access Seesaw if you can, if you have lost your child's log-in please e-mail homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk and we will re-send it to you. We will continue to use Seesaw for home learning in September so you WILL need to log-on, which can be achieved via the app on any device.

Additional paper home learning packs are available from school if you require further paper-based home learning.

Finally, WELL DONE you have all been doing a fantastic job at home supporting your children's learning. You all deserve to be star of the week too!

