

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](https://twitter.com/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

The government released guidance last Thursday on how schools will return in September as you will appreciate I need to read, digest, discuss and plan from this to ensure that we offer the very best for our staff and children; as I have done with every piece of guidance released.

Please give us time to do this piece of work, there is a lot to consider and we will inform you as soon as we have a plan and will share what you need to do, and what we will be doing. There will be changes both in society and in school in the coming months and we must remain vigilant, stay aware and stay safe. Social distancing in the wider community is still essential, we must work together to ensure we are all protecting one another as we move forwards.

I would personally like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the last few months we appreciate your understanding, support and patience in these difficult times. We are operating in new ways, some of which we will continue as we move forwards.

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.

Google Meet!

A number of children have already joined us online to see one another and staff 'virtually'. If your class has had an invite, make sure you know how to log on and join in! Remember there are some important safety requirements that were sent with the invite which include;

- Ensuring there is an adult nearby/present
- Make sure you are not in your bedroom
- Keep yourself muted unless it's your turn to speak

I know there are more but these are crucial!



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.

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** – Chilli-Ray
- **Magpies** – Gracie
- **Frogs** – Lille G
- **Hérons** – Aimee
- **Kestrels** – Lola
- **Badgers** – Maisy
- **Buzzards** – Toby
- **In school** – Oliver

Remember to celebrate at home and make it special!

Those of us in school have joined each other digitally and celebrated your success 😊

Do you have an older child who has a job?

**Are you
13 – 16 years
and working?**

Make sure your employer has applied for a permit for you to work and stay safe

Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire libraries children's events

	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July	Saturday 11 July	Sunday 12 July
Morning	10:00 Start the day story time with Tracy - Chippenham & Trowbridge Libraries FB	10:00 Author Talk Tuesday. With Sophie Kirtley - All FB pages	10:00 Start the day story time with Jo - Bradford on Avon Library FB		10:00 Start the day story time with Naomi - Salisbury Library FB		
	11:00 Rhyme time with Frances - Wainminster Library FB	11:00 Rhyme time with Steph - Melksham Library FB	11:00 Rhyme time with Ali - Corsham Library FB	11:00 Rhyme time with Philip - Salisbury Library FB	11:00 Rhyme time with Basil - Trowbridge Library FB		
Afternoon	2:00 Multi-lingual Mondays. Finnish with Annika - All Facebook pages	2:00 Rhyme time with Ali - Royal Wootton Bassett Library FB	2:00 Rhyme time with Ina - Tidworth Library FB	2:00 Rhyme time with Sarah & Hannah - Chippenham Library FB	2:00 Rhyme time with Ina - Amesbury Library FB		
Evening	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages	6:00 Bedtime story - All Facebook pages

FB = Facebook page