

River Mead School



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Dear Parents

I just wanted to welcome you all back to School and to thank you for your patience when we have made some alterations to arriving and leaving and in other areas, hopefully to make it easier for everyone! We will do our best not to change too much, but we are still receiving government updates that we need to act upon.

On a very Smiley note I cannot tell you how lovely it has been to see all of the children in school in their classes, seeing their friends and beginning their learning again. It has been a joy to hear their laughter and watch them cope with all the new routines so successfully.

They have learned new skills at home and kept up with their learning, they are very resilient and you should all be very proud of them.

Thank you

Mrs Austin

Face Coverings

We have asked that you try to communicate with school via e-mail or telephone. If for some reason you cannot do this and you MUST visit the office you are required, as per the government guidance for indoor enclosed spaces to wear a face covering.

If you don't it is likely that you will be asked to leave. Please help us all to stay safe by wearing a face covering.



Bags in School

A number of parents have raised with us the issue of not allowing children to bring their school bags onto site.

We have reviewed our decision not to allow bags based on the first two days of term and the most recent guidance from the Department for Education:

"It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationery and mobile phones. Bags are allowed. Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to pupil education and development. Similar rules on hand cleaning, cleaning of the resources and rotation should apply to these resources."

As such, from Monday we are allowing school bags. Please make sure that the conditions in the guidance which say they must be able to be cleaned; so wiped down or washed regularly are followed. The bag should only have essential items such as a water bottle, lunch box and reading book and reading record. Bags will be stored under the child's chair or in a safely within the room for Early Years children. Children must not bring in items that are not needed and the bag must not be too big!

Thank you for your support with this.

PE Days

You child will need to wear their PE kit to school and will need a coat and if cold jog-jog bottoms.

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday

Year R - We will let you know which day, when they are full time and this is appropriate.



Changes to the beginning and end of the day

Thank you for supporting us. We have made these changes to prevent congestion outside of the school and support keeping you and your children safe.

DROP OFF

Please do not be early or late, if you are, you are affecting the other children arriving or leaving, you need to be 'on-time' please.

King Fisher Court Gate (years 1,2,3,4)

- ⇒ 0830 Kingfisher court gate will open for Y3&4 parents and children ONLY. Please wait on a coloured spot (red y3, blue y4)
- ⇒ 0840 Y3&4 classroom doors will open and children may go into class, parents leave by the main white gate.
- ⇒ 0850 Kingfisher court gate will open for Y1&2 parents who will 'Drop and go' using the yellow box on the playground, parents leave by the main white gate.
- ⇒ 0900 Kingfisher court gate will be closed.

If you have a child in Years 1 or 2 and a child in either Y3 or Y4, they may walk round to their classroom when you drop off your older child.

Warren Gate (Nursery years 5&6)

- ⇒ 0830 parents and children from Y5&6 to line up on a white spot (please follow the route). If you are earlier then you can still wait on a white spot! Please do not loiter by the blue gates.
- ⇒ 0830-0840 Warren gate will open, children to go in (met by member of staff). Parents to leave by the small blue gate.
- ⇒ 0840-0850 Nursery children line up on the white spots and the Warren gate will be open for nursery children to be collected by a member of staff.

If you are a late arrival for y5&6 you MUST join the white spot line behind the Nursery children.

Eyfs/RB gate

- ⇒ 0850 –0900 The gate will open for Resource base children - please line up along the footpath, please drop off in the yellow box.
- ⇒ 0900 - 0910 The gate will open for EYFS (Reception Otters) - please line up along the footpath, please drop off in the yellow box.

All

Once your child has left you in the line or the playground, please leave the school grounds quickly and follow social distancing guidelines.

COLLECTION

King Fisher Court Gate (years 1,2,3,4)

- ⇒ 2.50pm Kingfisher court gate will open for Y3&4 parents ONLY to wait for their child (to avoid congestion on the path). Please wait on a coloured spot (red y3, blue y4).
- ⇒ 3pm the Y3&4 classroom doors will open and the teacher will ask you to step into the box one at a time to collect your child. Please leave by the main white gate.
- ⇒ 3.10pm Kingfisher court gate will open for Y1&2 parents ONLY. Please wait on a coloured spot (red y2, blue y1)
- ⇒ 3.10pm the children will be dismissed, (from the Y3&4 classrooms) the teacher will ask you to step into the box one at a time to collect your child. Please leave by the main white gate.

Warren Gate (Nursery years 5 &6)

- ⇒ 2.50pm parents from Y5&6 to line up on a white spot (please follow the route). If you are earlier then you can still wait on a white spot (please do not wait in the carpark or by the blue gates).
- ⇒ 2.50pm Warren gate will open and the children will be dismissed, please collect promptly.
- ⇒ Nursery children will be collected at the end of their session time 12.30pm / 3.15pm / 4.15pm from the Warren gate, please line up on the white spots and the staff will dismiss the children.

This is to prevent congestion outside of the school and the children going into the carpark area.

Eyfs/RB gate

- ⇒ 3pm The gate will open for Resource base children - please line up along the footpath, and the staff will dismiss the children to you.
- ⇒ 3.15pm The gate will open for EYFS (Reception Otters) - please line up along the footpath, and the staff will dismiss the children to you.