

River Mead School



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Issue 2 - 14th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for supporting the changes we made for drop off and collection, it has ensured that you are all able to remain socially distanced and much safer. Please try to arrive within your 10 min window and not earlier so you don't have to queue.

As we move forwards please understand that we will ask you to collect your child if they show any coronavirus symptoms. We know this may be difficult, but it is important we look after each other.

Well done to all of the new children who have joined the school in the past week including the new Reception and Nursery Otters. You have all settled into the River Mead Family so well and we are so proud of you all.

Thank you and stay safe

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.



Disabled Parking

Please be aware the two end spaces in the carpark by the MUGA are disabled - Blue badge holder spaces (although the markings are faded).

We have a several families who have Blue badges and need to have access to these spaces. I know the carpark can be busy, but please leave these free for those who need to them.



Do you have symptoms?

If you have any of the following symptoms or your child is sent home with any one of these;

- ⇒ A new and continuous cough
- ⇒ A high temperature
- ⇒ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Phone 111 for advice

Phone 119 to book a test or book a test online;

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Please contact us to let us know if you or a family member is being tested and of the result, phone the office or by email if out of hours;

covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

The New Rules—"The Rule of Six"

Please help us all to stay safe, wash you hands, cover your face, keep a space between yourself and other people, stick to the rule of 6

The key message is based on the Rule of Six: "Don't meet in groups of more than six, indoors or outdoors, at home or elsewhere."

From Monday, 14 September this will replace previous guidelines which allowed two households to meet indoors and for people to socialise outdoors in a group of more than six people from different households.

The rules will change in England as follows from Monday, 14 September and apply to all ages.

- Social gatherings of more than six people will not be allowed in law.
- The new rule applies to people in private homes, indoors and outdoors, and places such as pubs, restaurants, cafes and public outdoor spaces.
- People who ignore police could be fined £100 - doubling with each offence to a maximum of £3,200.



PE Days

You child will need to wear their PE kit to school and will need a coat and jumper/ cardigan. If it is cold jogging bottoms, where possible a plain black or navy. They can still wear their school jumper or cardigan.

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Monday (yoga) Thursday PE

Year R - Not needed yet!

Beehive - Friday

