

River Mead School



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Dear All

Please remember to send your child to school with a waterproof coat, we go out to play whatever the weather (unless its ridiculous!). WE will also be outdoors for PE as long as it is not raining so they need to have warm jogging bottoms – please can they also wear their school sweatshirt, rather than a hoodie.

May I also remind you that you MUST let the school know if your child is unwell and will be off school we will help you if you are not sure if they should be in or not.

Please remember to book your online parent consultation session using the link you have already been sent.

Please DO NOT congregate outside of school, the rule of 6 applies outside of school and does include children.

Please wear a face covering.

Mrs Austin



Star Of The Week

Otters - Taylor
Magpies - Emily S

Frogs – Rubie

Hérons - Lilly-

Mae B

Kestrels - Rowan Parker

Badgers - Jacob Souch

Buzzards – William S



If your child is Star of the week they will receive their certificate and their achievement will be posted on Seesaw for you to see. The school family will celebrate online via a virtual assembly which one of the school leaders will host.

Seesaw Online Learning & Home Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we will continue to use Seesaw as our online learning platform. Seesaw will support children with their learning both in and out of school. We have set up new classes for this academic year, but have saved all the children's previous learning – so please don't panic, it's not lost!

We will use Seesaw for home learning tasks, sharing and celebrating learning between home and school, sharing a photo of each class Star of the Week, and also if we need to provide learning due to children required to isolate.

Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 will be given paper copies of their new QR codes to login to Seesaw (the previous ones have now expired). Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will use their @meadprimary.co.uk email address and password. If your child has forgotten their password, please ask them to mention this to their class teacher.

Please remember that if you need to get in contact with your child's class teacher, please call the office, or email office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk rather than posting on your child's Seesaw Learning Journal. Class teachers will not be checking Seesaw daily so will not pick up any messages posted.

Thank you for your continued support



PE Days

Your 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



The Rule of 6

Please keep yourselves, other families and the staff at school safe by sticking to the rule of six and socially distancing

- The Rule of 6 applies after you have dropped your children off at school, please do not meet in a group to have a conversation - go home, go to work but please don't wait about together.
- In England children ARE included in the rule of 6 so any number of children or adults that make 6 is enough!

Rules and guidance on meeting up	
How many people outdoors?	 Up to six people from different households from Monday 14 September
How many people indoors?	 Up to six people from different households from Monday 14 September
At what distance?	 Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible

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 this is defined as coughing for more than an hour or 3 long coughing fits in 24 hours
- ⇒ 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 persevere and refresh, refresh, refresh—you will get one. If you cannot please call the office.

<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

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.

Please also wear a face covering when entering the school site at drop off and collection unless you have a medical exemption lanyard (please wear this). Please remind one-another and help us all to keep each other safe.



Flu Immunisations

"Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all of those who have completed a consent form for your child with regards to the Flu vaccine. If for any reason you need to change any information or consent **please do not complete a second form** alternatively please contact the team on 0300 247 0082 (09.00 – 16.00) or via VCL.Immunisations@nhs.net we can manually change any information and avoid any duplicates and errors. This is particularly important if you wish to decline the consent having already given a positive consent in which case we ask that you also inform your child's school that you have declined consent in order that they can inform the team when they attend.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Immunisation Team."

Otters Nursery

Do you Have a 2 year old or pre-schooler?

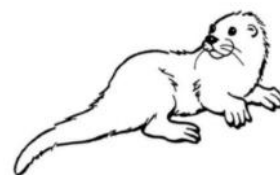
Will your child be 2 next year?

Are you looking for a nursery place?

Now or for later in the year? Make sure you reserve your place in 'Little Otters' as the nursery is very popular and we are limited on numbers. Please book your place now even if your child will start in the New Year or even after Easter this will guarantee you a place so you aren't disappointed!!

office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

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OPEN DAYS - Nursery & Reception

If you are looking for a primary school place for September 2021, or a Nursery place for a two or three year old, River Mead School is holding a number of open days in October. You will be able to tour the school and meet the Headteacher. There are also evening sessions available for you to visit the Early Years classrooms and meet the Early Years teachers.

All social distancing and protective measures will be in place, and you must book a slot in advance. All of the information is at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/river-mead-open-days-registration-122972470971>

A viewing of the Nursery and Reception class spaces on the evenings of 13th and 15th October between 4.30pm - 7pm. This will not feature a full school tour, but will give you the chance to see these lovely spaces in detail and meet with Mrs Karen Austin, Head of School.

A full guided tour of the school on Saturday 17th October between 9am - 2pm. This will include meeting Mrs Karen Austin, and touring the whole school site.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2021?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at all Wiltshire Council Offices.

The deadline for applications is Midnight on 15 January 2021

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on 01225 713010 for more information or to request our guide - Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2021?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at all Wiltshire Council Offices.

The deadline for applications is Midnight on 31 October 2020

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

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Looking for a Secondary School?

Why not visit us at Clarendon?

Book a personal tour with the HeadTeacher or one of his Senior Team.

Come and look around the school and find out all about us.

Email: aes@clarendonacademy.com to book a visit.



"I am ambitious for Clarendon to become the first school of choice for parents in Trowbridge and the surrounding areas. Together as a community of staff, students and parents I want us to be proud of our school and be keen to tell everyone else about it"



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What's Happening

Wiltshire Children's Centres providing support and services for families with children aged 0-5

spurgeons
children's church

During this time our services are available either over the phone, via Microsoft Teams group sessions or by activity packs. Please contact your local centre for more information or click the link below to request support.

To access our services or ask a question

Click Here

South Wiltshire
01722 414301
East Wiltshire
01380 739835
West Wiltshire
01225 705225

Family Support Service

One to one support when you need it most for a range of issues which can affect family life:

- Parenting and behaviour
- Routines and boundaries
- Children's emotional support
- Financial and budgeting support
- Childcare funding
- Introductions to other services

Appointments can be via the phone or at the centre.

Baby Steps

A perinatal programme covering the weeks just before and after having your baby (professional referral only).

Mum2mum

An online breastfeeding support group run by trained volunteers with experience of breastfeeding.

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Visit www.texaslife-education.com and click on "Holiday activities" for more info and a downloadable consent form.