

River Mead School



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Dear All

Thank you for your ongoing support, school is working on the whole very much as normal in our 'new' way. The children are certainly enjoying their learning in class. Please remember to wear a face covering at drop off and collection times—Hands, Face, Space lets all stay safe!

If you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery place or a school place for September 2021 please let them know we have some open sessions for looking round the school on the evenings of the 13th & 15th of October and the morning of 17th October (see the Otters link below). If your child is in Otters Nursery here you MUST still apply for your school place at River Mead it is not automatically allocated.

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. Unfortunately if you are waiting with friends and you are more than 6 this is illegal.

Mrs Austin

Star Of The Week

Otters - Sophia-Rose C
Magpies - Kohen P
Frogs – Lillian S
Herons - Lillie G
Kestrels - Lacey-Mae W
Badgers - Jayden s
Buzzards– Alesha 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.



Parent Consultations

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we are holding our Parent-Teacher meetings via video link.

You will have received a letter on 30th September 2020 providing you with information on how to book an appointment.

We still have lots of appointments available for next week, so if you haven't had the chance to speak with your Teacher then please login at:

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/rivermead>

Bookings for next weeks sessions will close on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 6pm .

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office at: office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support



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.



OPEN DAYS - Otters 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.



PE Days

Please can you make sure your child has the correct P.E kit this year. Children should have

- A plain white top or house coloured t-shirt
- Navy/black shorts or tracksuit trousers for poor weather
- Plain jumper or school jumper
- Trainers
- Coat and will need a coat

Please note this is our P.E uniform and children should not be wearing clothes with sports branding, Football strips or sparkly slogans

Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on the following days:

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday (yoga) Thursday PE

Year R - Not needed yet!



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.

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

Wiltshire Council

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

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Sheldon School Chippenham



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Secondary School? Why not Sheldon School in Chippenham? **Look for a**

Sheldon School have put together some YouTube videos for parents to be able to take part in their Virtual Prospective Parents' Evening and Faculty Presentation.

For the Virtual Prospective Parent's Evening click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/HsCDUVhPIM4>

For the Faculty Presentation click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/HiCZsgJbpzw>

For the further information about the school and to take a virtual tour click on the link below:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/our-community/videos-and-virtual->

Casual Cleaners

We are looking for cleaners to join our friendly and hard-working housekeeping team. Are you able to offer some occasional hours between 3.15pm and 6pm to cover staff absence?

If so, please call the school office on

01225 703428



Jesus is the Light of the World

Melksham Messy Church Light Party

Saturday October 31st, 2020

Dressing up Prizes Games
Crafts
Stories Songs Fun

Let your light shine

Join the Melksham Messy Church Facebook Group for all the information

SEE YOU THERE

On-line with Activities Pack Pick up on the evening Full social distancing measures will be in place during the activity pack pick up sessions