



# River Mead School



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Dear Parents

I really don't want to moan, but feel like I am! I would really hope you can understand why we are asking you to help us keep everyone safe – I know it's hard to understand the rules for Covid at the moment, but it is essential to make sure we do not end up with a further Lockdown.

We are asking you to support the staff and one another, please WEAR A FACECOVERING when you are collecting or dropping off your child or queuing outside the school gates, people seem to have forgotten or are choosing not to. There has already been a positive case at Melksham Oak and we are trying to remain safe. Please DO NOT wait around outside school in groups, the rule is NO MORE than 6 people in one place and this includes your children.

We hope that you have a lovely and safe half term break - fingers crossed for some crisp but lovely Autumn weather!

Best Wishes

Mrs Austin



END OF TERM 1 - WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER    TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

## Star Of The Week

Otters - Evan B  
Magpies - Molly W  
Frogs – Faith S  
Herons - Ersa D  
Kestrels - Annalise B  
Badgers - Mercedes  
Buzzards– Joshua C

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.



### 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 ans refresh, re-fresh, 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](mailto: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.



## 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

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# THE WEDNESDAY WAVE

FROM 3PM  
14TH OCT-16TH DEC

WE'LL BE WAITING!



This poster means someone feels isolated and invites a cheery wave, every Wednesday from 3pm. So if you're reading this poster, let the waving begin!

VAMOS  
THEATRE



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#TheWednesdayWave



## 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](http://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](http://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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## Halloween Word Search

Clues may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down. Some may overlap or even be backwards.

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VAMPIRE

PUMPKIN

SPIDER

GHOST

SPELLS

GHOUL

TOMB

WITCH

ZOMBIE

MUMMY

CAULDRON

SKELETON

The word BAT also appears 15 times .... can you find them all?





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01225 764647

### 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



### School Lunches

Hopefully you have sent in your child/rens choices by now for Term 2.

If you haven't please can you get these to Reception as soon as possible as this includes our very own festive Christmas Dinner.

Please make your payment via SIMSPay by Monday 19th October. **No daily bookings or cash payments will be accepted.**

Thank you



To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed a copy of this term's Short Breaks Bulletin.

The WPCC Short Breaks Bulletin is a guide to activities, leisure and social opportunities for children & young adults with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25yrs during school holiday periods.

As we continue to do all we can to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, this October edition includes information about activities in the community, online learning and information, online activities, puzzle and games sheets, and other useful information.

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us to promote this information as widely as possible by putting the enclosed Bulletin somewhere visible for parent carers of children and young people with SEND to see.

The Bulletin is available electronically on the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Website: [http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short\\_breaks\\_-\\_Short\\_Breaks\\_Bulletin](http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks_-_Short_Breaks_Bulletin). Hard copies of the Bulletin can be sent to parent carers who specifically request a copy from us, which they can do by telephoning 01225 764647 or emailing: [admin@wiltspcc.co.uk](mailto:admin@wiltspcc.co.uk).

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Hall  
Strategic Director, WPCC

**PERMANENT VACANCY at RIVER MEAD – General Assistant, 12.5 per week, 11.00-1.30 daily. If you would like to know more please see the advert enclosed with this newsletter.**

