

River Mead School



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Dear Parents

Please help us all to stay safe during the current 'Lockdown' we will continue with our safety measures in school, teachers will still wear a visor/face covering at drop-off/collection times. Follow the guidance—don't be the person who transmits the virus to staff/children or a vulnerable family member, friend or neighbour!!

- **Wear a face covering**—NO face covering NO entry to school site (wear your exemption lanyard). Please wear on the approaches to/from school too if it is busy.
- **Do not 'wait around outside school'** go home and remain indoors except for exercise or essential food shopping or for work.
- **ONE person** to drop off/collect your child not both parents/carers please.
- **One friend or family member for childcare** you may have ONE other person to support you with childcare.
- **2m Social Distancing** You MUST try to be 2m away from other adults/children who are NOT in your household or support bubble.

School will only be allowing visitors to site who are essential for children's development or welfare. Contractors will only be permitted to ensure the building and site is safe. All school visitors wear a face covering.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Austin

Star Of The Week

Otters - Jessica S
Magpies - Leo S
Frogs – Lexi F
Heron - Ben B
Kestrels - Archie B
Badgers - Elsie C
Buzzards— Lou-Lou CH

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 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.

You **MUST** contact us to let us know if you or a family member is being tested or has symptoms and of the result of any test, 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. To ensure we adhere to social distance guidelines. **We are also now allowing only one parent at a time in Reception.** 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—you will be challenged!).

Please remind one-another and help us all to keep each other safe.



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

No daily bookings or cash payments will be accepted.

Thank you



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

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

#TheWednesdayWave

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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

Remembrance Day

11/11/2020

- Remembrance Day gives up the opportunity to remember the day the hundreds of men and women who died in the line of duty.
- Poppies, bracelets, slap bands, badges are now all available for your children to purchase if they wish via their class teachers.



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!



Friday 13th November 2020 is



This year all children are invited to wear spotty clothes to school for the day, we only ask for a donation to be made to the local Food Bank. They are currently asking for the following:

Tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meat and Pringles, or simila (but any canned or dried goods are welcome)



Flu Immunisation 2020/21

Just a reminder that the Flu Immunisation is still going ahead for Reception and years 2 to 6 on the 26th November 2020.

If you haven't registered your child, please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/Swindon>



What's Happening

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

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.

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.



To access our services or ask a question

Click Here

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New Parent New Baby

Meet other parents with babies up to 6 months old and share activity ideas.
Sessions run for 6 weeks

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Little Learners

Online group sessions. Learning for children aged 0-5 through positive play. Join us for fun and ideas. Contact us if you would like more information.



Early Words Together

A 5 week online course full of fun for you and your child. Learn about how to support your child's speech and language development. For families with children aged 20-40 months.

Being a Parent

This course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life to bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

Bookstart

Sharing books, stories and rhymes with your child from an early age can help create a love of reading. Bookstart is here to guide you on your child's reading journey from 0-5 years. 4 week course.