

River Mead School



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Dear Parents

We welcome Y3 back to school this week—we have been so proud of them all engaging with their online learning and joining the live sessions which were hosted twice daily, and of course a massive thank you to the staff too, for embracing a new way of teaching.

Knowing how to log on and use Seesaw is essential for your child to access their home learning and if isolated their class learning. Practice, log on and use it please!



If you have issues please contact; homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

If you are struggling because you do not have a device or you have a device such as an I-pad but no wifi/data or internet capability, please also let me know via the home learning e-mail address.

DON'T FORGET

If you or a member of your family are waiting for a test result or have symptoms, you can contact us at the school office during the week or out of hours;

- ⇒ covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk
- ⇒ or over the weekend please use the emergency covid text number **07521622705**

If you or a member of your family are waiting for a test result YOU ALL stay at home, you DO NOT go out.

Thank you for your continued support, everyone is doing their best.

Mrs Austin

Star Of The Week

Otters - Isabelle Rogers

Magpies - Kyla G

Frogs – Mia Ayliffe

Herons - All of Year 3

Kestrels - Ruby O'H

Badgers - Belle C

Buzzards– Gracie-Ann 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.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

Well Done to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week with their attitude and behaviour.

Mrs Austin is celebrates your achievement with a 'Take-away' pack of hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits! These children are:

Yr1—Emily S

Yr2—Sherkarnah W-J

Yr3—Dylan C

Yr4—Sydney B

Yr5—Lola H

Yr6— Cory B



Sports Star of the Week

Year 1: Ashley & Jake

Year 2: Jasmine, Mia & Faith

Year 4: Jak & Theo

Year 5: Ella & Elaina

Year 6: Oliver, Freya & Charlotte



Sports Challenge

Grab yourself a ball or roll a sock up into a ball.

Create your own target by using a t-shirt or a pillow on the floor.

Take two steps away from the target and try to throw the ball towards it. If you hit the target, take a step back.

How many steps back can you take whilst still hitting the target?

Good luck. River Mead Sports Family.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Lots of parents have enquired about Christmas cards & presents.

We are happy to announce that Christmas cards may be brought into school and **posted in the Class Box.**



Cards need to be in by **11th December** please, so they can be quarantined and then handed out during the last week of term.

Gifts for adults are also being accepted and can be left in Reception.

Thank you.



Otters Nursery Parents

A polite reminder to all parents to check their child/rens hair, we have had a recent case of head lice.



Please can you provide enough spare clothes such as pants, socks and trousers for your child/ren, we unfortunately don't have enough for everyone!

If your bring your child/ren in with hat's, scarves and gloves please make sure you have labelled them.

River Mead School and Nursery pride themselves on being a healthy eating school. If providing a lunchbox for your child/ren, please can you make sure that the contents of it is healthy, no more than one chocolate bar.

We would also like to remind parents that collection times are 3.15pm and 4.15pm only

Thank you.

Menu Choices

Term 3 Meal Choice Menu's are now available.



These will be sent out via Sims in the next few days.

Please can you return your child/rens choices by **Friday 11th December 2020** so we can ensure choices are ready to go for the children's return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Thank you

Please Remember

1. **Wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child**
2. **Communicate via Telephone & Email**
3. **If you must come into the office, one person in Reception at a time**



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

Beehive - Friday

Year R - Monday



Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2022/23 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2022/23

I am inviting comments on four documents and would be grateful if responses could be made on or before Tuesday 19 January 2021.

Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2022/23

Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Secondary Admissions 2022/2023

Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2022/23

Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C secondary schools 2022/23

Full details of the proposals can be found at:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

Should you wish to provide any comments, then please email admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

**Open Days
at River Mead School**



Visit us if you are looking for a primary school place for
September 2021!

We also have Nursery places for two and three year old
children available **now**.

Come along and take a full guided tour of the school on
Saturday 9th January 2021, 9am - 2pm

Spaces are limited, so book yours now at
rivermeadopenday.eventbrite.co.uk

Online booking in advance is essential

Do you have symptoms?

- ⇒ 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, 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.

SHAPING INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING

Did you know...

You can find curriculum information for each class on our website. This lets you know what the class are learning about this term?

Information for Term 2 has now been uploaded and the links below will take you to the class page where you can find this

Curriculum Information:

Reception: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/nursery-and-reception/>

Year 1: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/magpies/>

Year 2: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-2-frogs/>

Year 3: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-3-hedgehogs/>

Year 4: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-4-swans/>

Year 5: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-5-badgers/>

Year 6: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6-buzzards/>

Beehive: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/resource-base-beehive/>



The poster is an orange and white graphic with a black border. At the top left is the HM Government logo, and at the top right is the NHS logo. The main text reads 'TIER 2 HIGH ALERT' in large, bold, black letters, with 'FROM 2 DEC' in a smaller box to the right. Below this is a grid of 16 categories, each with an icon and a brief description of the rules. At the bottom, there are two boxes: 'Find out what support you can get' and 'If you have any coronavirus symptoms:'. The footer includes the text 'For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus' and three icons for 'HANDS', 'FACE', and 'SPACE'.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get
For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:
A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

HANDS FACE SPACE



The Friends of River Mead School are a group of parent's who get together and arrange events and activities to raise money for the school. Due to current restrictions we are unable to hold any at the moment but are always looking for new parents to join us!

If you are interested in joining the team or would like any further information then please contact the office and leave a message for Anne-Marie.

Thank you.