

# River Mead School



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Dear Parents / Carers

As we venture into another week of “stay home, stay safe” We can only thank you for your continued support. The teachers are tired, but determined; it has been a very busy week for them, teaching in school, uploading, recording, responding to work on Seesaw and meeting your children ‘live’ via ‘google meet’ thank you for all your efforts in supporting your child/ren to access their online learning—keep up the good work!!

On the next page is advice about how to access online learning and how we can support you—you MUST ask if you need help. [homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk) please let us know if you still require a device to support at home particularly if you are struggling with sharing between children. We will do our best to help you, we are expecting some further devices from the DFE next week.

If we can see that you are struggling or the children are not online at all, please expect a phone call from the class teacher to see how we can help.

Over the course of the next few weeks we will also be telephoning some families to check you are ok and don't need our help in any other way, but please don't wait for us to ring you, ring us too!

The vaccination programme is rolling out quickly now and I'm sure many of you, like myself, will have been relieved this week to hear that older family members are getting the vaccinations locally. It is beginning to feel like we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

As schools we have also received news this week that lateral testing kits will soon be available in primary schools to enable school staff to test at home each week in the same way that health workers have to. This is another measure which will help us to keep everyone safe. As it stands, there has been no further talk of this testing extending to primary aged children which is a relief.

Please let me know if you feel there is anything we could improve on, support you with, or you just have a super idea to share via [office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk) titled 'message for Mrs Austin'

As a final reminder, if your child has a place in school and they will not be attending you must let us know the reason way as you usually would.

You are all in our thoughts

Stay safe, best wishes

Mrs Austin



## Online Learning

As you will now be aware, work is being set for all children working at home on Seesaw. There will also be daily live sessions through Google Meet and your class teachers will let you know what time these are. (see below) They are at the same time each day to enable siblings sharing devices to access these without clashes.



The expectations on schools are different during this lockdown compared to the one in March and we thought it would be helpful if we shared these with you.

There is a greater focus on schools providing work that is in line with the planned curriculum, it is important that ALL children are accessing what their teachers provide on Seesaw.

This will ensure that they continue to make progress in their learning. The children who are in school are also continuing with their curriculum and teachers are working very hard to make sure that what is provided online is as similar to the teaching in school as possible.

If you DO NOT have a device to work online we will do our best to help—if you have issues with your internet or mobile data, please let us know.

### Help for you at home

There are some great resources to help you with organising learning at home














[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF Supporting daily routines during school closures.mp4](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF_Supporting_daily_routines_during_school_closures.mp4)

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19 Resources/Resources for parents/Supporting home learning routines - Planning the day.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf)

Also see below

Consistent routines are important for behaviour and wellbeing in school and our routines at home have changed significantly. Routines support behaviour and you will be finding a new rhythm with your family. You could share this checklist with your child. Talk to them to help them plan their new routines.

The importance of simple approaches as part of a regular routine is key recommendation 4 of the EEF's guidance report [Improving Behaviour in Schools](#)

	M	T	W	T	F
 I woke up at a good time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I did some exercise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I had regular meals and drank water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I enjoyed some reading in a quiet space.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I practised a maths skill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I completed some school work at my work space. I chunked it so I had some breaks too.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I talked to my family about my day and how I am feeling. I asked them about their day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I helped with a household job and talked to my family while I did it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I contacted my friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 I spent some time on my creative hobby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 My parent/carer told me what I did well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 My goal:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## **Lockdown DON'T FORGET**

If your child is unwell and has covid symptoms YOU MUST still get them tested even though you are not at school. NHS 119 or online can support you.

You MUST let us know, please also let us know if a member of your family tests positive as we are being asked to reflect the positive cases in our school community.

⇒ [covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk)

⇒ or 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.

BBC TV will be broadcasting lessons on BBC Two (secondary pupils) and CBBC (primary pupils), as well as online from Monday 11th.

The primary programmes, which will be broadcast on CBBC from 09:00 every day, will include BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch.

This another way to access some home learning!



### **Google Meet Timetable**

The link for your meeting will be on Seesaw. Each Meeting will last for no more than 30 minutes

Reception – 2pm

Y1 - 1pm

Y2 - 10am

Y3 - 11am

Y4 - 11am

Y5 - 3pm

Y6 - 3pm



Beehive - please check Dojo as your teacher may arrange something different for you!

We want to make sure you are kept up-to-date about what is happening in our schools, especially at a time when you can't come in to school and see us in person.

The Mead Trust – as well as our individual schools – has a range of social channels that we post to, as well as the emails and text messages that we send out.

If you use any of these platforms, then please follow / like us! We will be sharing updates, but also love to feature news and achievements from our families, so make sure you tag us so that we can share your posts with our wider community.

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