

River Mead School



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Dear Parents / Carers

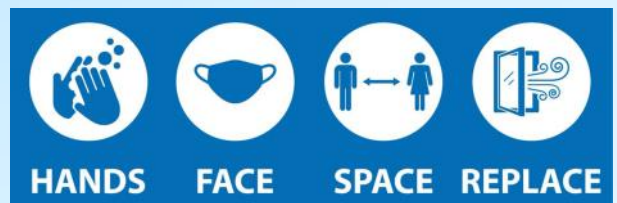
Firstly we are approaching the end of the 5th week of remote learning, I know for many it will seem much longer and we are so very thankful for your ongoing support. Remember break up the learning sessions - have a break and/or a snack between them, do some things outside where you can and ensure you all have some screen breaks!

Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details as I know some teachers have phoned to check-in with families but haven't been able to get through, they are phoning to see how you are and to offer support if you are finding accessing the learning tricky. If we are not able to get hold of you will receive an e-mail /text message from me or a chase-up phone call from one of us. Please respond otherwise I might just turn up on your doorstep to check you are all ok!

Please DO ASK if you still need a device to get online we can help, particularly if its becoming harder to share between children- don't struggle ASK...

Please see the information below about coming to school to drop off and collect new reading books, it is not busy in and around school except at about 12.15 when the few morning Nursery children go home and the afternoon arrive, so it should be safe and outdoors for everyone to be able to walk/drive up to change books.

Stay safe, best wishes



COVID REPORTING

Please remember it is still important to tell us if you are self-isolating or have tested positive. We are tracking cases in our community, but it also means we can check you are ok, and support you! Text: 07521622705 phone the school office or e-mail us covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

BOOKS!!!!

From Wednesday next week - 8th February please come to school, take your daily exercise between 9.30am– 2.30pm to drop off your children's finished reading books and class texts and come and collect a new pack of reading books! Available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday...

The staff are busy getting the books ready for the great BOOK EXCHANGE.....

Please come to the old reception glass doors and buzz and one of the leadership team will collect in your finished reading books and give you a pack of new books ready for their new topic.

Each child will have some books selected for them by the staff
SO.....

COME ON DOWN



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Family and Community Learning update

Do you have parents/carers struggling with the Health and Wellbeing of their families? If the answer is yes, Family and Community Learning can help.

We have some fantastic courses coming up in the very near future to help support. Most of these courses are single sessions but we also offer Family Wellbeing courses as a more in-depth course over 5 weeks.

Dates and Times are below

08/02	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change
10/02	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience
15/02	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry
22/02	10:00-12:00	Family Wellbeing - 5 week course 1 X session a week
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We can also offer the flexibility to adapt these courses to meet the needs of your parents and carers so please do not hesitate to contact us at: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk We will be happy to talk about what may work for the specific needs of your school and its community.

Safer Internet day - 9th February 2021

Look out for some work online about being safer online!

There are also some great activities, hints and tips for parent here;

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips/safer-internet-day-2>



Google Meet Live Reminders

All children must have their cameras switched on, be dressed appropriately, remain muted unless they are asked to unmute, be sat somewhere sensible. They should be respectful of one another. There will be two adults from school online. Join and enjoy!



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.

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/themeadtrust>

LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/mwlite/company/the-mead-academy-trust>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/themeadtrust>



Home Learning

This week, we published detailed information about our Home Learning provision, which sets out what children, parents and carers can expect from remote education across The Mead Academy Trust when national or local restrictions require individuals, year group bubbles or the whole school to remain at home. It covers everything from how much work will be set, to how our teachers will feedback on work being done at home, to how we are supporting children who have additional needs. You can read it on our website here: <https://www.themeadtrust.org/learning/curriculum/home-learning/>

We have also continued to update our #LockdownLearning gallery, and now have over 150 photos in it! We want to gather pictures of what our children and their families are doing whilst they are learning at home, and would love to see what you have been up to. It might be a snap of your child taking part in a live lesson, but it could be anything – we know that lots of you are baking, doing painting, going for (chilly!) walks, and much more! You can share your photos with us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/themeadtrust>) and twitter (<https://twitter.com/>

PE Days

For those children in school during 'Lockdown' they will need to wear their PE kits to school on the following days, if you are at home you might also want to get your PE kit on as there will be PE activities to do at home, look out on Seesaw!!

Year 5&6 - Monday (yoga)
Year R - Monday
Year 1&2 - Tuesday
Year 3&4 - Wednesday
Year 5&6 - Thursday
Beehive - Friday



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!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Your local Link Scheme needs you:

Demand for our service is growing and we
urgently need new volunteers to support
the service



If you could spare some time, or for more information
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Email: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk