



The Mead Community Primary School



Monday 13th September 2021

Term 1, Week 3

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Monday 13 th September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swimming lessons return – Year 6 (specific pupils).
Tuesday 14 th September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 visit to John of Gaunt School
Wednesday 15 th September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Foxes and Ospreys to Egyptian Exhibition
Thursday 16 th September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday 17 th September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Dear Team Mead Families

I'm writing this newsletter at the end of the sixth day of the new term and it feels like the children have never been away. They have returned to life in school with such enthusiasm and a great deal of wonderful learning has already been achieved. Thank you for all of your support in preparing them to make such a great start to school year 2021-22.

The school has been 'buzzing' on both sites with children working happily on their new curriculum topics, and it has been a delight to see such immersion in learning from day one. Trips and visits are returning too, along with many other of the routines and events that have been on hold for the last two years. Football trials are coming soon, swimming lessons return, after school activity clubs are planned and just being able to operate without bubbles and their staggered timings enables a greater sense of whole school community once again. My personal highlight of the week was the return of music assemblies – every school needs to have the sound of children singing echoing in the corridors and it was a joy to have these essential assemblies return.

Next week we welcome our new reception children to Bees, Butterflies and Swans classes; many have been in for 'stay and plays' this week and everyone seemed so happy whilst busy exploring the classrooms and playground.

We are of course operating within new Covid guidance, and cases are still relatively high in the south west after the rise over the summer. The operating model is now very different and led by the principle of 'learning to live with the virus' through an effective vaccination programme and continued heightened diligence around cleaning, hygiene and ventilation. The school's contingency plan, with advice for parents, forms part of this newsletter and was also emailed last week. Please take a few moments to read it.

Finally, as we enter The Mead School's 20th anniversary year, a sincere thank you as ever for all of the support you give us.

Warm regards

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family is being tested or has received a positive Covid-19 test please inform the school as soon as possible by emailing covidreporting@themead.wilts.sch.uk (including over the weekend and during school holidays).

For all other communication, (Covid or otherwise), please email office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep everyone safe.

INSET DAYS:

1st November 2021, 4th January 2022, 6th June 2022

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

Dates for your Diary	<u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u>
Wednesday 20 th October	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 1 st November	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Friday 17 th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return to school
Friday 18 th February	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school
Friday 8 th April	Break up for the Easter holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 25 th April	Children return to school
Friday 27 th May	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 th June	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for the Summer holidays (3.15pm)

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The Mead Academy Trust, Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan Sept. 2021



<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid-19. Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PRC test), NOT a Lateral Flow test. If your child develops Covid symptoms at school (however mild), they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable. Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminding children of good hand-hygiene. Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical. Ensuring Children / Staff to stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and to book a PCR test). <p>Staff will continue to test themselves using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 Rapidly Rising Community Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. SW Public Health / Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of classrooms increased & hand-washing/sanitizing routine increased. Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced. Staff-room capacity is reduced, via timetabling. Whole-school assemblies are replaced with Key Stage assemblies. Clinically Vulnerable and Extremely Vulnerable staff meet with SBMs to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g., use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).

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Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 A single child tests Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single child tests positive for Covid in a class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined in the remote learning plan. The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish close contacts. Identified contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise if close contacts are known. Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.
 5 children or staff (who have mixed closely) test positive within 10 days of each other. <u>OR</u> 3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club (Or Resource Base) within 10 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 5 cases of Covid (across a year group or groups that mix closely) within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within identified groups of children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above for each positive case. The school will discuss the outbreak with Wiltshire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas. Staggered starts for affected class/groups. Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days, and performances. Reverting to video-link Assemblies in classrooms. Reducing the number of classes staff work across. Reviewing lunchtime/playtimes to limit groups mixing (if cases are in one specific class)
 Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10-day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting to be held between the school and Public Health to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-introducing class bubbles. Reintroduction of bubble toilets Reintroduction of bubble staff rest-rooms Reverting to class-based/single bubble in hall school lunches. Limiting all non-essential visitors to school. Postponing all non-essential events. Re-introduction of remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days will be considered.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.

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