



# The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## Term 3, Week 3

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### Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family is showing Covid symptoms, 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@themead.wilts.sch.uk)

### Illness reporting to the school

Please be reminded that should your child have sickness or diarrhoea they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout to ensure the bug has properly cleared.

We also request that if your child has a temperature they must remain at home for at least the following 24 hours of their temperature returning to normal (without being medicated), again, to ensure that the bug has cleared.

Dear Mead Families

The Omicron Covid wave is starting to show a decline in transmissions according to national data, but we are very much in a situation, especially on the Hilperton site, where we have by far the largest number of cases experienced in the whole pandemic. Thankfully illness is relatively mild in almost all cases that we are aware of, but the impact on the school – as it is for all educational settings – is highly significant. A few points of clarity:

- We have robust hygiene measures in place and good ventilation.
- Staff are testing three times a week or daily if a close contact.
- We are logging cases daily and in regular contact with local Public Health England officials.
- We 'bubble' a class if we get three or more confirmed positive cases – which means that they do not mix with the rest of the school during that period.
- We send a local authority 'warn and inform' letter when a bubble is created, not before.
- We DO NOT inform parents of every positive case in their child's class, nor do we inform as to whether a staff absence is due to Covid. This would be impossible in terms of case-load for pupils, and insensitive in terms of privacy and confidentiality for staff members. We really appreciate your information to us as it helps us update the arrangements on a class by class basis and is of course a requirement for authorising absence.

Our main focus, alongside safe operating in the current situation, is to keep school focussed as much as possible on excellence in teaching and learning. Again, it has been a great week filled with wonderful lessons and children loving their time in school. To share progress with you, we have begun to write reports and are hoping to have face-to-face Parents Conversations Evenings week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Mark Stenton  
Headteacher

**INSET DAYS: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Football Tournament Devizes - Selected Children</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trowbridge Youth Parliament (by Zoom)</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

### Reminder - After School Care Bookings

Please note that the BSC/ASC booking system on PAY360 is not available between 11am – 5pm each day. If you require After School Care for the same day this must be booked by 11am. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.

### Punctuality



**“Be on time by ten to nine!”**

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.40am and close again at 8.50am. It is our legal duty to ensure that all children are registered in class each morning and any absentees followed up to ensure that no one is missing without an explanation. The past few weeks, including before the Christmas break, have seen a noticeable rise in lateness and lots of arrivals between 8.50am and 9.00am, which has a significant impact on children’s learning, from being late in the first instance through to the disruption of the class when a child arrives late.

### Online abuse of school staff

You will have seen recent news coverage of abusive online behaviour towards some secondary school teachers on the TikTok platform. This is so reprehensible and something we can all play a role in stopping should we become aware of it. This link explains how:

[How schools and parents can spot and tackle online abuse of teachers](#)

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b><u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u></b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wrens and Woodpeckers to Chepstow Castle
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Jonathan's Jungle visiting Falcons and Wolves
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for the Easter holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 to Braeside for a 1 night residential
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 return from Kilve Court
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for the Summer holidays (3.15pm)

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