

The Mead Community Primary School

Friday 22nd January 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continuing support through these tricky times – we have had many messages of support and thanks from you which means the world to the team. We also endeavour to answer every concern raised as we know this current lockdown and remote learning situation is a very big ask of everyone. You're very much part of Team Mead.

Here is some further information from the Mead Academy Trust regarding home testing of staff from Monday to further add to the protective measures we have in schools:

COVID-19 TESTING

In line with government guidance, we have started preparing for twice weekly testing of our staff so that we are ready to commence a testing programme once our test kits have been received from the Department for Education. All adults working within our schools will be offered the opportunity to take a Lateral Flow Test at home twice a week; the testing regime aims to reduce transmission of COVID-19 by asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Testing is not compulsory, and will not replace any of our robust protective measures that are already in place to keep our schools safe – HANDS-FACE-SPACE. There are no plans to test primary school children at present.

Should a member of staff receive a positive result from the LFT test they, along with identified close contacts, will need to self-isolate following government guidelines. The member of staff will then need to arrange a PCR test for confirmation. This will mean that we may need to close any bubbles affected within the school and, if this is the case, we will contact you to let you know.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Warm regards

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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

INSET DAYS: 7TH JUNE 2021

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Supporting home learning routines Planning the day



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"/>				
I did some exercise.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I had regular meals and drank water.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I enjoyed some reading in a quiet space.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I practised a maths skill.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I completed some school work at my work space. I chunked it so I had some breaks too.	<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"/>				
I helped with a household job and talked to my family while I did it.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I contacted my friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
I spent some time on my creative hobby.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My parent/carer told me what I did well.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
My goal:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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Keeping Up To Date

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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