

The Mead Infant and Nursery School

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Proud to Belong

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been another unprecedented year in school I would like to thank you. You have done another fabulous job of supporting your children with home learning during school closure; we know it is not easy. Your kind words and efforts have supported us through the year and the children have just been amazing. They have been incredibly resilient and have put smiles on our faces every day.

I cannot thank my fabulous staff team enough for their commitment and hard work; they have gone above and beyond and have always put the children first.

The spirit of The Mead Family has shone through and I truly am "Proud to Belong"

We are looking forward to being able to return to near normal school life in September. However, we do need to continue to remain cautious as COVID is not going away and will continue to be with us for the foreseeable future. **With that in mind, all restrictions that are currently in place will remain until the end of the term.**

September

From September, the following procedures will be in place, which is based on current Government guidance for step 4 of the roadmap. If the guidance changes we will communicate any changes to you as soon as we are able.

- Drop off and pick times will revert to pre-pandemic times

	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Pick Up</u>
Rock Hoppers	9.00	12.00
Emperors	9.00	3.00
Reception	8.50	2.50
Year 1	Between 8.50 and 9.00	2.50
Year 2	Between 8.50 and 9.00	3.00

- Masks will no longer be required to be worn on site
- It will be no longer be necessary to keep children in bubbles
- Whole school face to face assemblies can resume
- Children can return to the Hall to have their lunch
- Children and double vaccinated staff will no longer have to isolate if there is a confirmed case of COVID in the class, instead if your child is identified as a close contact they are advised to take a PCR test
- School trips can resume
- We will be able to welcome parents back into school

The following system of controls will remain in place

- Ensuring good hygiene is in place for everyone- frequent and thorough handwashing with hand gel/soap, coughing into your elbow, catch it, kill it, bin in approach. Staff will continue to wear PPE when administering first aid or caring for a child who is unwell.



- Regular cleaning of areas and equipment including frequently touched surfaces
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Managing COVID symptoms – children and staff who present with COVID symptoms should not come to school and must take a PCR test. (Lateral flow tests are only to be used if your child is asymptomatic). If a child becomes unwell with COVID symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated and cared for by a member of staff until they are picked up from school. It is imperative that your child is picked up as soon as possible
- Staff will continue to undertake twice weekly lateral flow testing

Parental Feedback received from Creating a new Norm at The Mead Questionnaire

Thank you to all of those parents who returned the questionnaire. We have taken account both parent and staff views regarding the following changes that we intend to keep going forward into the new academic year.

- Children will be able to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. During the colder months, children can wear grey track suit bottoms
- Children can have a choice of wearing a school shoe to school or an all-black school trainer (any logo needs to be black). If the trainers have laces, your child needs to be able to tie these independently
- Parent consultation meetings will remain virtual. We will be using a new platform called "School Cloud." Further information will be sent out in the autumn term. We appreciate that some parents were concerned that if we only had virtual parent consultations they would not be able to see their child's classroom or schoolwork. Please be reassured that we will provide other opportunities for you to see the classrooms, books and share learning with your children throughout the year

Goodbye and Good luck

We say a special good bye to our year 2 children. They have been a wonderful group of children and great role models for our younger children. We wish them lots of luck for the future.

Having taught for 13 years at The Mead, sadly Miss Hodgson has decided that it is time to leave us and find a new challenge. During her tenure at The Mead, Miss Hodgson has provided outstanding care and teaching for many children. We also say goodbye to Mrs Maw who has provided support in Year 1. We thank them both for the wonderful job that they have done and wish them lots of luck in the future.

We welcome Miss Rowe who will be teaching Hedgehog class and Miss Humphries who will be teaching Leopard class. We also welcome Mrs Hughes who will be supporting in Nursery. They are really looking forward to joining us and getting to know you and your children.

I appreciate that there is lots of information in this letter but I will write to you again at the beginning of September before the children return to remind you of our procedures and provide you with any further updates.

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Keep safe and well
With very best wishes
Mrs. Creasey

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