

Governor Newsletter



Covid-19

Firstly, I am sure you will join me in saying a massive thank you to Mrs Hewitt and all her staff, both teaching and non-teaching, on their hard work and dedication during the last few months. They have worked tirelessly in making sure that all measures are in place to keep children safe who have attended school, as well as the planning for home learning and keeping in contact with all the children.

As Governors we have been on hand and in regular contact with Mrs Hewitt and her staff. Along with Mrs Hewitt, we have been checking and making sure that Meadows is operating safely within guidelines issued by Government and Worcestershire County Council. This has included: reviewing and approving risk assessments; site visits throughout the period to see the school in operation and to see the changes made to classrooms and play areas; plus discussions on changes to the day-to-day running. As always, we have been monitoring the school expenditure and - as you would expect - the increase in additional costs incurred due to the pandemic. During our regular visits we have been able to talk with staff and children and make sure that they are happy with the measures in place. The well being of everyone is at the root of everything we do here at Meadows.

We will continue to review the many safety measures in place and, as the restrictions lift, we are continuing to adapt these. Like you, we look forward to a time when all of the Meadows children can attend school fully but we must continue to be vigilant and keep everyone safe.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the Governors and staff thank you for your continued support and we wish you an enjoyable summer holiday.

Caroline Tilsley

Joining Meadows!

In September, my third child will be starting at Meadows to join his sisters who are still there. Having experienced induction twice already I wondered what accommodations would be put in to maintain safety for coronavirus. Would my youngest get a lesser experience? Would it be harder for him? It doesn't seem like it.

The school tend to do summer term welcome sessions; but they have replaced them with videos and packs taken to houses with a very cute Meadows bear. Groups will be in school for two full days and one half day in the first week, rather than previous years' transition of five half days. This will not only be better for working parents but will make deep-cleaning classrooms easier.

All the normal Meadows support will be available; children will be supported to settle into their new environment; each child's needs will be identified in the early days, and conversations with nurseries and preschools are taking place as normal.

All that is left is for us to chat to our children about the new exciting experience coming up for them. And contact the school if we have anything we need to find out. Every child has their own way of adjusting to the change and with a clingy one and a super young one I was worried twice but they settled quickly.

So this may be a memorable start this year perhaps, but I am confident the children will take it in their stride!

Polly Reed



Introducing...

Tina Davies
Parent Governor

I'm Tina Davies and I currently have two children at Meadows. I have loved volunteering in school over the past couple of years and I am hoping I can use this experience, together with years of working in business and finance, to help the school continue to be an amazing place where children thrive. In my spare time I love swimming and teaching beginners' French. My favourite pastimes are walking and playing together as a family, especially where water pistols are involved!

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