



# MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Another great week at Meadows. The children have been fantastic in returning to school life; we feel so happy to have them all back (as I am sure you are too after the stress of home schooling- which you did exceptionally well)! All staff are now being tested twice weekly to support the Government's strategy to keep schools open whilst reducing the risk of transmission. You can do your part too by joining in with the asymptomatic testing at home.

#### Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace have announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees.

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines) between 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, **washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing** plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

#### Winter Warmer Fuel Vouchers

Vouchers are available for households in Worcestershire on pre-payment meters. If you receive benefits (IS, JSA, ESA, UC) or have seen a drop in income from COVID-19 with £30,000 or less gross annual household income apply before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Apply **online** at:

[www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/act-on-energy-emergency-fuel-vouchers/](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/act-on-energy-emergency-fuel-vouchers/)

#### SEND at Meadows

Well done to the staff in the Mainstream Autism Base who were congratulated by Worcestershire's speech and language team for their work supporting pupils' language skills.

#### Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy

We love visiting our fantastic Worcestershire schools and seeing the wonderful work that is going on to support children's language 😊😊😊  
Look at this 📺 The MAB at Meadows 1st in Bromsgrove taking their talk for writing very SERIOUSLY with the children making a multi sensory gingerbread house to support their Hansel & Gretel writing and wait for it....IT.SMELLED OF CINNAMON & GINGER 🍪🍪🍪 Top work 🍪🍪🍪  
#fabslcnpractice



Can I remind parents that only **one** adult should come to bring/collect their child in order to minimise the numbers of adults on the school's grounds?

Could adults also please wear masks on the school site.

Once your child has come out of class, can parents please move on quickly to allow space for the next year group to leave.

Please do not let children play on the equipment.

**Courses for Parents to Support their Child with School:**

Phonics in Early Years for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/PhonicsEarlyYears>

Literacy in Early Years for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishEarlyYears>

English in Key Stage 1 for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishKeyStage1>

English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/EnglishKeyStage2and3>

Maths in the Early Years for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/MagnificentMaths>

Maths in Key Stage 1 for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/MathsKeyStage1-FL>

Maths in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/MathsSecondarySchool-FL>

Transition Support for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/Transition-Support>

**Courses for Parents to do with their Child:**

Science for Dads and their Lads  
<https://rebrand.ly/ScienceForDadandLads>

STEM course for Parents and their Child  
<https://rebrand.ly/STEMCourse>

Cook with your Family Course  
<https://rebrand.ly/CookWithFamily>

Cook with your Teenager Course  
<https://rebrand.ly/CookWithTeen>

Yoga for Baby and Me Course  
<https://rebrand.ly/YogaforBabyandMe>

Sign-a-story for Families  
<https://rebrand.ly/Sign-a-story>

**Family Learning Courses**

Family Learning Courses are **FREE** for everyone **April - July 2021**  
 Please tick "course free because of Covid plan" box to book on FREE  
 Please book onto each course by searching for the course title at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call 01905 728537



**Courses just for parents to support their child with school**

Phonics in the Early Years for Parents  
 Literacy in the Early Years for Parents  
 English in Key Stage 1 for Parents  
 English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents

Maths in the Early Years for Parents  
 Maths in Key Stage 1 for Parents  
 Maths in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents

Transition Support for Parents to help their child

**Courses for parents to enjoy with their child**

Science for Dads and their Children  
 STEM course for Parents and their child  
 (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

Cook with your Family Course  
 Cook with your Teenager course

Yoga for Baby and Me Family Learning Course  
 Sign-a-story for Families

**Courses just for parents to support their child at home**

Shape - Improving Health and Exercise for your Family  
 Art Introduction course for Parents  
 Family Memories COVID-19 Time Capsule  
 E-Safety Family Course for Parents  
 Cooking on a low budget course for Parents

**Supporting you with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities**

Signalong Foundation Course for Parents  
 SEND - Understanding Autism  
 SEND - Strategies for Positive Behaviour  
 SEND - Managing Mindfulness for Parents

**Courses Just for Parents to Support their Child at Home: (see leaflet)**

SHAPE - Improving Health & Exercise for your Family  
<https://rebrand.ly/FamilyShape>

Art Introduction Course for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/ArtIntroductionFamily>

Family Memories COVID-19 Time Capsule Course  
<https://rebrand.ly/FamilyMemories-covid19-timecapsule>

E-Safety Family Course for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/ESafetyFamilyCourse>

Cooking on a Low Budget Course for Parents  
<https://rebrand.ly/CookWithBudget>

**Online Learning**



worcestershire county council

Our friendly Family Learning courses are currently online using 'Zoom' on your mobile phone, ipad, tablet or laptop. We will ring you before your course starts to help you get online for your course and can support you to access Zoom, help you check that you can use it ok and offer you any help you need.



## Meadows Mouse Awards

<b>Goslings</b>	Florence B - making new friends & settling back in so well. Nathaniel SG - returning with such a positive can do attitude.
<b>Cygnets</b>	Hudson C - getting so much better with handwriting. George J - settling back in so well after lockdown and being great at yoga.
<b>Caterpillars</b>	Jack G - always having such lovely manners. Freya - making great progress with her reading.
<b>Dragonflies</b>	Darci - working so hard all of the time. Ruby - great handwriting & good work in English.
<b>Owls</b>	Abigail & Kiran M - being determined & focused when writing their stories this week.
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Mia H - excellent focus with her writing. Alex P - determination & always trying his hardest.
<b>Sharks</b>	Harley S - writing a lovely acrostic lockdown poem. Indie S - always showing great focus and determination in her work.
<b>Dolphins</b>	Louie S - fantastic poetry writing. Izzy W - sharing her enthusiasm & great love of reading.
<b>Jaguars</b>	Cara S W - super work on decimals in Maths. Natty J - fantastic focus in lessons.
<b>Tigers</b>	Ellie M - being enthusiastic in her learning and trying her best in all lessons. Ethan H - creating an amazing branch diagram to classify animals and for being a wonderful member of Tigers class.

