



Meon Junior School Communication with Parents



Information and Helpful Guides

At Meon Junior, we try very hard to keep parents informed with what is happening at school. To accomplish this, we are constantly sending information, either in written form or mainly by electronic means to try to ensure that this reaches as many parents as possible. Written letters and other information that are sent out by email are also posted on our school website.

We recognise that parents are very busy, however, we would very much like to encourage you to take some time to familiarise yourselves with all the avenues we use at Meon Junior School to try to keep you up to date.

Meon Junior School Website

Our school website link is:

www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk

Our school website contains lots of information to help parents to keep up to date with school life. Under the 'Our School' tab there are many features such as an 'Events Calendar', which has details of current and future events for the academic year. In addition, there are tabs for 'After School Clubs', 'Newsletters', 'Year group and School letters', as well as many others. All of these are designed to make accessing what is going on at school easier for parents.

Under the 'Curriculum' tab, there is information about how all the various subjects are taught at Meon Junior. Additionally, the year groups produce 'Curriculum Maps' for the Autumn/Spring/Summer terms and these are added each half term to inform parents of what will be happening in the various year groups. The Curriculum Maps also include homework activities. We would encourage all parents to regularly access the school website to help you to stay as informed as possible.

Homework

Homework is set on a learning platform called Seesaw.

All our children have a login to this program and there is a link from our website into the learning platform (this is on the front page under 'Portals')

Another way we try to keep parents informed is with a free app called:

'My Ed'

'MyEd' is a free parent app to download that gives parents a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school, and these are conveniently accessible in this one app. The 'My School' area of the app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, absence records, as well as links to school calendar dates, news, our school website, and other sites to help make payments for things like trips, clubs and school meals. We update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We are able to send you messages directly to the 'My'Ed app relating to important information about your child's education as well as general reminders etc on matters that may pertain to your child.

Parents will receive an app notification if we send you a message. There isn't a charge for any messages that you send to us within the app.

We also use the 'MyEd' app to send parents a message to book Parent Evening appointments with their class teacher. A notification is sent via 'MyEd' which contains a simple link to be able to book a timeslot

The MyEd app is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices, and can be found either on the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd or by scanning the QR code (see right of page). Once you have installed and opened MyEd, search for Meon Junior School and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself. (Please note that My Ed will **not** work on Windows phones).

Once connected and the system has updated overnight, any parent that is listed as being the primary contact for their child in school can access



information such as attendance data from the 'My Student' area at bottom of the app page.

We would encourage all parents, to regularly access on a daily basis the 'My Ed' app to help you to stay as informed as possible.

We also use the 'My Ed' App to communicate our **Parents Evenings**. A notification is sent to the app so that parents can easily click on the message link and conveniently book a time slot to see the class teacher.

A further free app that we use is:

ParentMail

ParentMail is used to make payments for **school trips, clubs, discos etc.**

This is a free app that parents will need to download, and then register with.

When new parents join our school and download the ParentMail app, a registration link will be sent out to you directly from ParentMail. This registration link will need to be activated within 48hours or the link will not be available. Should this be the case, please contact the school office and request that a new link be sent out. Once you are registered and connected with your child on the ParentMail system, it is ready to be used.

A parents' help function is also available on the app once logged in.

Parents are notified by ParentMail, when a trip etc requires payment and parental consent. To make a payment, simply go to 'Payments' tab and then 'Shop' (at bottom of page) to find the item, select the item to be paid and follow the onscreen instructions.



Additionally, ParentMail has an email tab. If the school has sent an email to parents, it will appear under this tab.

ParentPay

ParentPay is an online website used for payment of **school meals only**.

In order to register with ParentPay, parents will require a coded letter from the school. This is issued once your child is enrolled into our school and will come home in an envelope for security via your child. To register, go to www.parentpay.com and enter the coded login and password details as per the letter and select activate. Complete the activation as detailed on the screen.

If you do not receive a coded letter, please contact the school office where a copy can be re-issued.

If you require more information about how to make payments, merge accounts, change user name /passwords, add credit etc, please go to our school website www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk, click on the 'Our School' tab, followed by the 'School Meals' tab and at the bottom of the page are lots of helpful guidance sheets.

Alternatively, please copy the website details below into your browser for more parental assistance: <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>

Weekly Newsletters and Half termly Newsletters

Another way we try to keep parents informed is by weekly **newsletters**. The newsletters are produced each week to provide parents with helpful reminders and information for parents.

A copy of the newsletter is also posted on the front page of the school website, and also under 'Our School'/'Newsletters' where it is available to view.

Each half term, the school also produces a **half termly newsletter**. This contains news on events that have been happening in school over the half term. We send the newsletter out to parents via email to endeavour to ensure that the newsletter reaches parents.

A copy of the newsletter is also posted on the school website, under 'Our School'/'Newsletters' where it is available to view each half term.

School Letters

Whole school and year group communication, inc Newsletters are mainly sent out by email. Copies of letters are also posted onto the school website and can be found via ' Our School' tab/ Year group and School letters. Please check your emails regularly to ensure you are up to date with any news. If you change your email address it is extremely important that you inform us as soon as you possibly can.

TSAT Meon Junior Facebook page

Meon Junior has an official Facebook page (TSAT Meon Junior) where we share experiences and photos from activities that our children enjoy both in and out of school.

We also send out many reminders via Facebook to assist parents with important dates, information and deadlines etc.

If you are already on Facebook, please look for our TSAT Meon Junior Facebook page and follow us so that you can keep up with reminders. If you are not on Facebook, you can setup one up with a very brief logon and just follow our school page if you so wish.

We hope that this has explained all the different ways we try to keep parents informed at Meon Junior School. If you need any further advice or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.