



4/5/21

Dear parents/carers,

As lockdown rules begin to relax, I would like to remind you of important measures that still need to continue in order to keep our school community safe. Find below some updated information from Portsmouth City council and a leaflet attached.

Asymptomatic and symptomatic testing leaflet for parents/carers

An updated leaflet for parents about what to do if someone in the household has symptoms of coronavirus is now available. The leaflet now includes simple advice about when and how to do regular asymptomatic testing at home. This emphasises that home testing is not aimed at primary school children or anyone with possible symptoms.

Pharmacies boost testing capacity across the city

This week it is easier for you take up the habit of twice-weekly asymptomatic testing, as many local pharmacies began to offer appointments for supervised tests, drop-in services for collecting home test kits, or both!

Testing when you don't have symptoms is freely available to all adults and finds the one in three who get coronavirus, but don't show symptoms and so risk spreading it.

The council's test site at Somerstown Central also offers appointments by booking online and a drop-in service for home test kit collection. And from Saturday 1 May, Eldon Road and Northarbour Road sites revert to PCR-only test sites for those with symptoms: 7 days a week, 8am-8pm.

Meon Junior Breakfast Club

There are still spaces available at our Meon Junior Breakfast Club, where children can enjoy a tasty breakfast and a variety of multisport activities, exercise, games, dance, play and art, specific to the children's interests, and all for £4.00 per day.



Meon Infant school children are also welcome at the club and are accompanied into Meon Infant School for the start of their school day. The club is run by Maia, who is a qualified Sports Coach, Personal Trainer and Dance Teacher with experience of coaching children with a wide range of abilities. Sessions are a lot of fun and a great way to start the day.

If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact Maia direct on 07943429518

Please note: all booking and payment is required in advance.

Reminder: Mental Health Awareness Week: Monday 10th to Sunday 16th May

WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

1. Out and about - to mark this year's national theme of nature, we will be taking a class walk, enjoying outdoor lessons as well as a trip to the park.
2. Sharing's caring - advice and guidance will be available on how and where our pupils can ask for mental health help.
3. Plant power - our pupils are invited to grow their own sunflower - the emblem of hope – in class from a seed
4. Go green - Green Ribbon Day 14th May – The green ribbon is the international symbol for mental health awareness. Wearing a green ribbon shows the community, loved ones or simply those you walk past that you care about their mental health. Pupils will be provided by the school with a green ribbon to wear.
5. At break- times school staff will be playing alongside the children and encouraging them to join in with activities that are fun!
6. Tuck in - enjoy a creative 'Green' menu for school lunch!



My Ed App

Our school will no longer be using text messages as a preferred method of contact.

The most direct way to receive messages from the school will be through the MyEd app.



We're fully committed to using MyEd; it reduces the number of emails you receive and the amount of printing, while still keeping you in touch with what's going on at school, and additional bonus – it saves the school money.

For further information please visit: <http://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

The MyEd App is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd.

A demonstration of the setting up of the MyEd parent app is shown here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppk9uNSKJE8>

Once you have installed and opened MyEd, search for your child's name and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

We still have lots of parents who have not yet downloaded the free My Ed App and we want to strongly encourage you to do this please. If you do have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Year 3 Ancient Greece Theatre performance and Workshop

A reminder that all Year 3 children will enjoy an Ancient Greece theatre performance and workshop on Monday 10th May 2021 here at Meon Junior. Please can payment be made for this via ParentMail. (Login to ParentMail and go to 'payments'/and then 'shop' to find where to make payment via a debit or credit card).



Year 4 Vikings Theatre performance and Workshop

A reminder that all Year 4 children will enjoy a Vikings theatre performance and workshop on Friday 14th May 2021 here at Meon Junior. Please can payment be made for this via ParentMail. (Login to ParentMail and go to 'payments'/and then 'shop' to find where to make payment via a debit or credit card).



Half Term Holiday Camp at Meon Junior School 1st June - 4th June 2021



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**Holiday club running this half term
at Meon Junior School!**



This is a fantastic opportunity for your child/children to play lots of fun sport games and creative activities in a safe environment.

Tuesday 1st June -
Friday 4th June 2021
8am - 4pm (£23.50)

or

9am - 4pm (£20.00)
Hot or cold food options
available at just £4.00!!
([Click here to book](#))

Prizes, Medals and Certificates
awarded daily!

Timetable of activities available on
our Facebook page.



www.active8minds.co.uk

01243 696 580

For the booking form follow this [link](#).

Bereavement Support for Pupils

We are aware that some of our families have experienced bereavement in the recent months. This has not necessarily been for reasons related to covid. Miss Knight would like to set up a support group where children who have experienced bereavement may wish to receive support from her and share their experiences and support each other. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please follow this [link](#) to complete a referral form. Alternately please request a call from Miss Knight to discuss it further.

We would like to begin this on Monday 10th May 3:00-3:30pm and will run it for 6 weeks.

Reminders

- Hair styles -Children should come to school with a sensible hairstyle. Un-natural hair colour dyes and highlights, as well as extreme hairstyles are not acceptable in school (e.g. Mohawks, shaved styles with patterns cut into the hair)
- Jewellery - The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch and a small pair of studs or sleepers. Also, nail varnish is not to be worn. Please note that smart watches are not permitted in school due to safeguarding reasons, as they can be used to record videos, images and send and receive messages.
- **All children must have a PE kit available to use in school.** Pupils in year 5 and 6 are no longer coming in dressed in PE kits on PPA or PE days and will resume changing in the classroom.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Paine". The signature is written in black ink on a light grey rectangular background.

Mrs Sara Paine

Head teacher