



Growing at Meadowside Primary School



Welcome to Meadowside



We warmly welcome Mrs Clare Mills to Meadowside as our newly appointed SENDCo. Hopefully it will not be too long before you are able to meet her in school, in the meantime she sends the following message to you all:



"Hello to everyone at Meadowside Primary School. I am Clare Mills and I am looking forward to being your new SENDCo. I have been a teacher for 23 years and have worked in three schools before starting here at Meadowside. I enjoy watching a wide variety of sports and often go to watch Leicester City and Leicester Tigers play. I am looking forward to working with you all and once we are out of the current climate meeting you all in person."

Have you applied for Universal Credit during lockdown?

If your circumstances have changed, you may be eligible to benefits-related Free School Meals.

To find out if you qualify click on the link below. If entitled, even during lock down, you may be eligible for additional support.

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

If eligible please email the school office on admin@meadowsideprimary.org with your authorisation code to ensure we can help as soon as possible.

Meet Our School Governors

Jan Goodliffe

Governor and Quality of Education Chairperson

I was a Governor for over 20 years at a successful local Secondary school where I worked for almost 29 years; semi retiring in July 2017. I was on the Senior Leadership team and one of my roles was working with primary schools in the area to support the move from year 6 into year 7. I joined the Meadowside governors in April 2017 and I have loved getting to know the staff and lots of the pupils. Learning about everything the pupils do at Meadowside has been fascinating, and we have a really strong team of teachers, senior leaders and support staff. A particular interest of mine is supporting young people to improve their mental health and I have been working with staff at school to support our young people in this ever changing and exciting world in which we live. I am currently Vice Chair of Governors and I chair the Quality of Education Committee. I am delighted to be on the Governing Body at Meadowside and hope that the experience I have had in secondary can assist the school in achieving the absolute best for our pupils.



How are you?

Like everyone, we hope that lockdown will soon begin to ease and we can start to return to a 'new normal', however it continues to be a challenging and anxious time for many people, for many reasons. Below are some further sources of help and support that we hope you will find helpful:

Wellbeing and Mental Health

If you are concerned for your child or your own wellbeing and need support we are here to help. Please email Mrs Hammond at admin@meadowsideprimary.org and she will contact you as soon as she is able to discuss how we can help you.

Remote Learning Support

As always, we are fully committed to supporting our pupils and parents. In the event of online access issues, or questions relating to your child's learning, please contact us by emailing the relevant year group. Class teachers will endeavour to respond to emails within the school day. Your patience will be appreciated.

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earlyyearsreception@meadowsideprimary.org

year1@meadowsideprimary.org

year2@meadowsideprimary.org

year3@meadowsideprimary.org

year4@meadowsideprimary.org

year5@meadowsideprimary.org

year6@meadowsideprimary.org



Safeguarding and Online Safety

As children access more content online please talk to them about how to stay safe online. There are links on our school website with lots of advice on how to do this <https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/classes/the-curriculum/online-safety>. It is also a good time to double check your parental control settings to avoid children accessing inappropriate content.

Concerns about a child's wellbeing

We all have a responsibility to keep children safe. This is even more important at a time when children aren't being seen by a range of professionals on a daily basis.

The NSPCC website has put together some information to explain how to spot the signs of abuse and neglect while social distancing measures are in place.

If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing, contact the NSPCC Helpline. Trained professionals will talk through your concerns with you, give you expert advice and take appropriate action to protect the child.

Call on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.



Are you experiencing domestic abuse?

You are not alone.

•For information and support on domestic abuse, contact:

•Police: 999 press 55 when prompted if you can't speak

•Refuge UK wide 24-hour helpline: 0808 2000 247