

Dear Parents/Carers

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

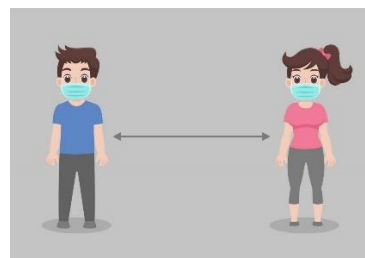
In response to the government's changing rule on gatherings inside we have cancelled most of our curriculum

meetings this term. We have put power-point presentations on the year group web pages instead.

We are still planning to hold Key Stage 1 Parent's Evenings but these will be socially distanced. For those parents/carers who prefer not to come into the building we are offering the option of an over the phone Parents' Evening like we did at the end of last academic year.

Please only sign up for a physical in-school meeting on the booking site. If you would like a telephone meeting for your infant age child please email office@holymeadprimary.co.uk giving your child's name and class and your class teacher will make arrangements to ring you.

Please do not email about KS2 (junior) Parents' Evenings as we will send out details about these later.



Message for Parents/Carers

Thank you to parents and carers who have been wearing masks whenever they can

on the playground, coming to the office and between the school sites.

We still have parents who are arriving 15-20 minutes before their classroom doors open, creating crowding on the playground. With the staggered times please can you leave home to arrive no sooner than 5 minutes before your class staggered entry/exit time to try and avoid too many parents/carers on the playground or around the school gates. Thank you everyone for your support in this.

Vehicles around School.

We encourage children to walk to school but if you choose to drive please switch off your engine while you are parked outside the school. Idling (having the engine running whilst your vehicle is stationary) pumps out toxic fumes which damages people's health. Please think of our children's health and switch off engines if you are waiting in your car to drop off or pick up your child. Thank you.

We have phoned the police about parents driving and parking dangerously and they have been out during the school run and will return regularly.

Please do not park on the zig-zags as they are there to try and make coming in and out of school safer.

Thank you.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2016 AND 31st AUGUST 2017?

Applications for

September 2021 entry to school need to be made by 15.1.21. Unfortunately, I will not be able to do prospective parent/carer tours this year so we've made a virtual tour video instead which is on the Holymead website home page. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School has vacancies for SMSAs to supervise children at dinner time. If you are interested please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office.

Thank you.



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not named on this occasion.



Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk.

Climbing Equipment is out of bounds. It is not to be used by children before, during or after school hours on either site.

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.

The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers, as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

Drains and drain covers - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones etc are banned in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. There is an agreement for mobile phone usage which must be signed if parents wish their children to have a mobile phone on the way to and from school. They are not to be used in school.



Reminder to Parents: please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services must be paid for in advance rather than in arrears.



Friends' News- the Friends' group are keen to get back up and running but need your help. Please join them at the Friends' AGM via zoom 13th Oct at 8pm. Details to follow from the Friends.

We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising events. Lisa, who has been a fantastic chair needs to take a step back so we will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. If we can't fill the positions, then the group will fold so please volunteer and get involved. Thank you.

School Photos – Important Notice.

We are pleased to report that Next Gen photographers have a Covid 19 procedure in place to be able to take individual photos in school this year. Please refer to the document at the end of the newsletter for detailed information.



Please note there will only be photos of individual pupils who are on the school roll. There will be NO family or sibling photos this year. The photographers will be on site to take photos on 12th October for junior pupils and 13th October for infant pupils.

The outdoor equipment is chained off because it is completely out of bounds at all times.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates

(Socially distanced meetings. Details to follow)

EYFS/KS1 (YR-Y2) Parents' Evenings -8th and 13th October
NextGen individual photos- 12th and 13th October
Y3/4 Relationship and Sex Ed Meeting 12th Oct
Y5/6 Relationships and Sex Ed Meeting 14th Oct



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 12th October and will be collecting food for a local food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a

donation we are collecting the following items:

- * Long life fruit juice
- * Tinned soup
- * Tinned fruit
- * Long life milk
- * Custard
- * Biscuits
- * Rice
- * Tinned rice pudding
- * Sugar
- * Toiletries

Donations can be sent in from Monday 5th October.

Thanks



Camps

The government is still advising against overnight stays for school pupils so we will be keeping in touch with different year groups as we get further information. The camp operators are doing their best to work with us on providing alternatives. We are still hoping the Y5 (delayed from Y4) camp and Y6 camp will operate. These camps were already in the pipeline before Covid struck, with money already committed.

Unfortunately, we will not be booking a camp for current Y4 due to too much uncertainty.



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made

so there is a record in school. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time. Please fill in a leave of absence form in advance of taking your children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.

School Lunch



Dinners

For Term 1 all KS1 pupils need to bring a packed lunch or order a free one from the kitchen as part of universal free meals. Having met with Chartwells, we are gradually moving to some hot meals from next week served as a take away style. Please see Stage 2 menu for details if you wish to order a universal FSM takeaway on the infant site.

For KS2 (juniors), hot dinners and packed lunches will operate as normal from day one. Hot dinners cost £2.15 and if you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for details.



Swimming and music tuition

Sadly, both swimming lessons/club and music tuition will not be commencing yet. We will let you know when it does.



Aspirations' Day 9th October.

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day again this year to get the children thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future. As this is a non-uniform day we ask that children bring in a donation of £1 as part of our Rights Respecting School raising awareness of others' rights. Some of you may remember we have previously supported the charity Child of Hope in Uganda and had a visit from their teacher last year in assembly. Due to Covid 19 these children are not likely to return to school until January and are in need of support for food and health care. We hope you will want to help. Thanks



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Virtual Open Evening Information

This year our Open Evening will be 'virtual'. We have made three films that parents/carers of children in year 6 can watch to help them get a flavour of our school to help them make a decision. Here is a link to the films on our website.

<https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/admissions>



School Uniform.

Thank you for a great start back in full school uniform. All uniform needs to be ordered online (with logo) or bought from any shop (without logo). We stock

different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

If you have any problems with uniform, eg both sweat shirts are in the wash on one day or you're waiting for new trousers to arrive, please explain your circumstances to a member of staff.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school.

Please note trainers, black jeans, leggings and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

PE kit: is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple daps bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc. Currently PE kits should be worn all day on PE days. ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. This now includes Y6 during Covid restrictions.

No toys or games are allowed in school.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 1

(INSET 1st Sept.)

Wed 2nd Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 3rd Sept- New in-take Reception start.

Thurs 22nd October will be the last day of Term 1.

Please note the change.

(NEW INSET Fri 23rd Oct. School CLOSED)

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov- Thurs 17th Dec 2020 (INSET 18th Dec)

Term 3

Tues 5th Jan 2021 – Friday 12th Feb 2021 (INSET 4th Jan)

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb- Wed 31st Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

Term 5

Mon 19th April- Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Tues 8th June- Wed 21st July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

Governors' Corner.



Due to other commitments, sadly Nimco Youssuf will be stepping down as a governor. We want to say thank you to Nimco for her hard work and support for the school. This means we will have a vacancy for a new parent governor. Governors are currently auditing their skills- set to see which skills we will need in a future governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like an informal chat about what it involves please email the office to speak to me (Head teacher) or Judith Buckley, SBM.

By holding all their meetings virtually, governors have been able to continue to ensure the school is compliant in all areas.

Reward Systems

Praise Book- on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour.



Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



Star of the Week- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.



Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements to run children's clubs



Is your daughter starting Secondary School in September 2021?

All of our Open School events are now available for you to attend 'virtually' from the comfort of your own sofa! Please grab a cup of tea and join us online. Visit our website www.hayesfield.com and click on the tile marked 'Prospective Parents', which can be found on the right hand side of our homepage.

There, you will be able to find our Headteacher's presentation, take a virtual tour of our school and hear from our students all about their experiences at Hayesfield.

Ready to make an application?

Please visit the 'Admissions to Hayesfield' section of our website, click on the information tab at the top of the homepage. You will find the link to apply for a Year 7 place via the BANES website. We reserve 10 spaces for students with an aptitude for music or sport, you can find more details and an application form on this page, too.

www.hayesfield.com

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2020 Events

Bristol

Wednesday 7th October:

Daytime SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 14th October:

Virtual Coffee Morning..
'Moving on to School'

Wednesday 4th November:

Virtual Coffee Morning.. The
Local Offer with Marilyn Crofts

Tuesday 10th November:

Evening SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 18th November:

SEND Support in schools

Wednesday 2nd December:

Daytime SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 9th December:

Bristol's new Approach to EHC
Needs Assessment: Engaging,
with Families

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E-Safety.

Please find attached two links for information on e-safety that are useful for supporting our parents with children's use of electronics at home.

In order to limit screen time per app (instead of the whole device) as well as track activity, set daily limits, view device location and more, please follow

<https://techcrunch.com/2019/09/18/googles-parental-control-software-family-link-gains-much-needed-features/>

Swiggle - child friendly search engine for younger children.

For use at home and in school, Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine developed by South West Grid for Learning and built on the Google Safe Search technology. It is free, ad free, has a reporting page for children and adults, active blocking of inappropriate search strings and even a Swigglebot to give advice. For more information go to the link below and look at the menu (top right of page) <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

Thank you to those at www.esafety-adviser.com for making us aware of these links.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

COVID-19 Precautions

At NextGen School Photography we will be doing everything we can do keep everyone safe.

Before your shoot

- When we receive your data, the QR slips will be printed in house and sealed in plastic bags 72 hours before the shoot

On the day of your shoot

- Our photographers will be doing temperature checks in the morning and recording their temperatures.
- On arrival on site, they will immediately wash their hands and sanitize
- They will be wearing face masks / face vizors whilst unloading equipment
- The sealed bags containing the QR slips will be wiped down before being handed to a member of staff
- We will be unable to adjust pupils clothing, ties, hair etc as we will remain two meters away from pupil.
- Currently we will be unable to undertake any family photographs prior to the shoot, due to government guidelines
- Currently we will be unable to undertake any sibling photography due to government guidelines of mixing bubbles
- Between bubbles our photographers will wipe down any equipment / area which has been touched

Help from the school

- Please can you send your SIMS / Student data early, allowing NextGen to produce the relevant paperwork 72 hours ahead of shoot
- On the day of the shoot, please can a member of staff hand out paper work to the pupil
- Please can the staff communicate with children to help them tidy themselves up ready for a photograph
- If the school has any special stipulations or protocols, they would like us to adhere to, please let us know.

We appreciate these are extremely challenging times for everyone, and it is our upmost intention to work with schools in a safe manor, providing the best and most flexible service we can.