

Thursday 17th September 2020 Number 2, Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers

It's been great to see everyone back in school. Please let the office know if your child is off sick and if you are taking them to be tested. I have sent out a parentmail this week with details about how to get a test if you need it.

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.

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 on the playground or around the school gates. Thank you everyone for your support in this.

The school's risk assessment has been updated to reflect procedures that have been carried out for the new term. This can be found on our website on the home page and has been ParentMailed too.



Parking

I have received an email from an unhappy local resident about the traffic around school. They have seen parents pulling up in the middle of the road letting children out of the car and crossing the roads. Children were squeezing between parked cars and moving ones.

For the safety of everyone please park safely and thoughtfully so we don't have an accident such as a child being knocked over.

We have phoned the police 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.



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What's Happening

As we are trying to keep year groups from crossing over, we will not be running a crèche for any of the meetings in term 1. We will publish power-points of meetings for those unable to attend.

New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting 23rd September. We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 5.00pm in your classrooms for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year.

Y2 Reading Meeting 21st September 5.00pm in the Hall. There will be NO crèche.

Y1 Phonics Meeting 28th September 5.00pm in classrooms. There will be NO crèche.

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



If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2021. If you know of friends with nursery age

children, please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.



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 not allowed 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.



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- Hopefully the Friends' group will be able to start meeting, at least virtually, to get re-started this term.

AGM via zoom 13th Oct at 8pm. Details to follow.

We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. 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.

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



Spellings

Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle, then limit your child to one or two

sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.



Times tables are also important to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to this regularly and testing your child. Either working on TTRS or writing out tables

repeatedly and learning them will work. I can't emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.

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.



Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home), addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. We also prefer to send letters/correspondence via email (ParentMail) where possible.

Thank you.



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.

Governors have been an incredible source of support during lockdown and have shown great commitment to keeping our school running safely during this pandemic.

By holding all their meetings virtually, governors have been able to continue to ensure the school is compliant in all areas such as monitoring the catch up curriculum and discussing all the work the school is doing to support children's mental health and well-being. We have increased the amount of PSHC and circle time, where children have the opportunity to discuss their emotions and worries.

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

After many fun attempts to keep amused during lockdown, please can we now see a return to normal hair styles and accessories that are practical and conducive to learning. Hair should be a natural colour with no shocking colours or bleaching. Small bows are acceptable, large bows and glittery hairbands get in the way and distract other children from their learning. Mobile phones are banned items at school. However, you can follow the policy and ask for permission slips at the office if you need your child to bring a phone to school for a good reason. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home.

All things brought from home are brought at the owner's risk.



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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GIRLS' SCHOOL



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.

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.