

Hambrook Primary School

Newsletter

Whole school. Whole child. Whole hearted.

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back everyone again and see the children settle back to life in school. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parents for following the changes to the drop off and collection routines and for your cooperation with other changes that we have had to implement to ensure the children, parents and staff are as safe as possible. Please continue to ensure that your children line up using the socially distanced markers along the left hand side of entrance gates in the morning.

I would like to give a huge welcome to the new children who have joined us this year, including our new Reception class. It has been lovely to watch their confidence grow even after just a few weeks in school and see them happy and eager to come into school. I would also like to welcome Mr Hill, our new Year 5 teacher and Mrs Payne, our new Year 1 teacher (covering Mrs Cranstone's maternity leave).

Not all my communications will involve COVID, but I thought it would be useful to summarise some of the key information that I have shared over the last few weeks. Please see the second page for COVID reminders.

Don't forget to keep checking our [Twitter](#) page to see all the fantastic learning happening at Hambrook!

School Office: The school office is now open 7.45 – 3.45 every week day except for Monday when it is open until 4.30. Due to COVID-19, please avoid coming to the school office. Our preferred communication method is via email at office@hambrookprimary.org.uk or phone 0117 9568933. This reduces face to face contact which is important, especially in light of increasing COVID cases nationally.

INSET days

The remaining INSET days for the academic year 2020/21 are as follows:

- **Monday 4th January 2021**
- **Friday 28th May 2021**
- **Wednesday 21st July 2021**

Term Dates

The year's term dates are also shown below:

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021

COVID-19 Reminders

If your child has one of the symptoms of COVID-19, please inform the office as soon as possible and arrange for your child to have a test. Any siblings must also be kept at home.

If it is a negative result, then please send your child and their siblings back to school once they are well enough. If it is a positive result, please continue to self-isolate for 14 days. It is really important that you inform us of your child's test result. Any positive result will result in us having to close the bubble that your child is working in and any other adults who have come into contact with them must also self-isolate. If this is the case then we would need to close the bubble as soon as we are informed and all children would need to be collected as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Symptoms

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Booking a COVID Test

Please book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you the following testing options available in your local area:

1. Test centre – booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test. There is now a testing facility in South Gloucestershire (opened on 1st October) at the University of the West of England (UWE) Frenchay campus (see info below). Other test centres nearby include Bristol (Bristol Airport) or Gloucester (Hempstead Meadow).
2. Home test kit – parents or carers can order a home test kit for their child using the booking portal link above.

New COVID test site at UWE Frenchay campus

How the site will operate

Testing at the new site started on Thursday 1 October and is run on a strictly appointment-only basis. Appointments are required for both UWE students and the general public. If someone cannot access the portal they should call 119 to book a test. *Anyone who turns up without an appointment will be turned away*

The facility is self-contained, meaning that the public arriving for pre-booked tests in their cars and students arriving for pre-booked tests on foot will not need to mix. Clear signage has been installed on campus to direct those with appointments on where and how to use the service. Drivers arriving for tests will not need to leave their cars for any reason. No one arriving for a test will need to go into university buildings.

Testing units operate six days a week. Availability of appointments for tests depends on the capacity of testing laboratories, which is outside of the council's control. People booking appointments will be directed to their nearest available testing facility at the time they book on the portal.

Members of the public who have booked a test will be directed to enter the campus via the **North Entrance** off Filton Road (A4174). Directional signs are in place from the M32 and Abbeywood roundabouts.

Lunchtimes

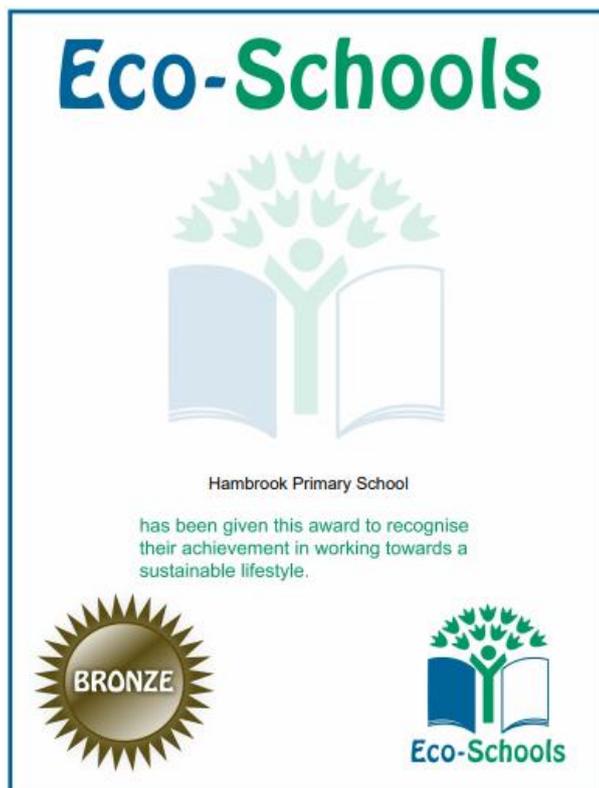
We are now operating with staggered lunchtimes to ensure each class 'bubble' is kept separate from the other classes. Currently, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have the option of a hot school lunch. Children in Years 3-6 currently have the option of a school packed lunch bag; however, from next term we are hoping to be able to extend the offer of hot meals to KS2. Further communication regarding school lunches will be given before the half term break.

Timings:

- Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3: 11.40 – 12.40
- Year 4, 5 and 6: 12.15-1.15

Hambrook's Eco Club

During the last academic year, Hambrook received the Bronze Eco School Award. This is thanks to the work of the committee and Eco Club last year. The school Eco Committee will be working slightly differently this year but are keen to continue the great work started last year. We will be sharing updates from Eco Club as and when these happen.



Parents' Evening

On Monday 30th November and Wednesday 2nd December we will be holding Parents' Evening virtually. You will receive an email shortly to let you know when the booking system will go live and further details about how the virtual meetings will take place.

If your child has an IEP, the class teacher will contact you separately to arrange a meeting. Please do not use the online booking system.

Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 23rd October – break up for Half Term
- Monday 4th November – Term starts
- Week beginning 23rd November – Year 2 pupils take Year 1 Phonics Check (missed due to COVID-19)
- Monday 30th and Wednesday 2nd December – virtual Parents' Evening

Class Pages

To replace our usual face to face class meetings, each teacher has produced a 'Guide for Parents' for the academic year. You can also find a yearly planning overview, a more detailed autumn term topic overview and a recommended reading list on the class pages.

Applications for Primary and Secondary School Places September 2021

Those who are in year 6 are required to apply for a place at secondary school by 31st October 2020. This application is done through the [South Glos authority admissions website](#).

Those who are thinking of applying for primary places for Reception next year need to do so by 15th January 2021 on the following link for [South Glos Admissions](#).

If anyone you know is thinking about applying to Hambrook, please ask them to sign up to one of our virtual meetings and/or outside tour to find out more about life at Hambrook Primary. A letter can be found [here](#) and the sign up form [here](#). We shall be retaining our pupil admission number at 30 for next September.

Learning at Hambrook

Remote Learning

Thank you to all those who completed our online form regarding access to devices and internet. We have now produced our Remote Learning Policy and Parent Information Guide which can be found on our website [here](#).

Remote Learning
At Hambrook Primary School

This poster aims to support parents in the direction of the appropriate support that has been put in place for Remote Learning to take place should your children have to self-learn.

Scenario 1:
Your child cannot attend school due to self-isolation or they are missing school days. The goal of the Home Learning Strategy is to support children to learn.

Scenario 2:
Your child will be self-learning at home. You will see the Home Learning Strategy on the website and Home Learning Strategy on the school website. You will see the Home Learning Strategy on the school website. You will see the Home Learning Strategy on the school website.

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Each day, learners will be supported:

- A daily home learning pack (HLP) delivered to the school
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In addition to this document, our Remote Learning Policy can be found on the school website.

Home Work

Please see our school website for the parent presentation and other information about our school's home learning procedures. This can be found [here](#).

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Homework at Hambrook

Spellingframe

Times Tables Rock Stars

Stack of Books

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Our New Hambrook Curriculum

Over the last few months, the staff at Hambrook have been working hard to develop a new and innovative curriculum for the children in our school. We assessed our children's starting points and backgrounds, and explored in great detail the knowledge and experiences that we believe our children need in order to be successful in the future. Putting these key outcomes at the forefront, we have selected four key drivers which we feel are valuable to our children's experiences at Hambrook. These drivers underpin the curriculum we provide for our children and are woven through every subject we teach. To find out more information about our curriculum offer, please see the recent curriculum letter and our school website [here](#).

Identity and Diversity

We strongly believe in the importance of community and want our children to use the vibrancy of Bristol and the surrounding areas to learn from other cultures, respect diversity, co-operate with one another and appreciate what they have. We achieve this by providing topics which evolve in response to current issues and focus on developing an understanding of local history. We want to build strong links with our local community and continue to promote British Values in all that we do.

Curiosity

Our curriculum promotes curiosity and a love and thirst for learning. Through a themes-based approach, our staff have chosen a range of engaging and thought-provoking topics, many of which have a key question at their heart. Our curriculum is ambitious and has been designed to empower our children to become independent and resilient. We strive for academic excellence and want our children to leave us with high aspirations and a lifelong love for learning.

Environment

Ensuring our children leave school as global citizens, with a secure understanding of their responsibilities towards our environment, is a key driver in our curriculum. As we are lucky enough to be in a rural setting, we believe it is important for our children to develop positive relationships with the natural world and take an active role in protecting it. We do this through providing an Eco Club, encouraging our children to take care of our school nature garden and by utilising our topics to address environmental issues through all stages of the curriculum.

Life Skills

We want our children to leave Hambrook equipped with not only the requirements of the National Curriculum but the tools to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We have designed our curriculum to promote independence, develop problem solving and build resilience. We firmly believe that it is not just about what happens in the classroom. Wherever possible, we look to enrich our pupils' time in school with memorable, unforgettable experiences and provide opportunities which are normally out of reach.

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