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Reopening Hambrook Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from my earlier letter (sent on 5th August), I am writing to update you regarding the reopening plans at Hambrook.

Firstly, I hope that you have all had a fantastic summer. I am aware some of you will have enjoyed a holiday abroad. I would like to remind all parents that if you have been abroad to any country that requires you to isolate on return for 14 days, please ensure your child/ren do not start school until this period has ended. Please email the office at your earliest convenience if your child/ren will be unable to attend school on Thursday 3rd September for this reason and confirm the date that your child will be able to attend school should they not develop symptoms associated with COVID-19 during the 14 day isolation period.

As outlined in previous communications, we have followed the government and our Local Authority guidelines carefully to ensure we have all the protective measures in place for the return of all children in September. Please see the following [link](#) for more information for parents and carers which has been produced by the government:

I would like to reiterate our key safety measures in place to reduce the possibility of the virus spreading within the school environment:

1. Ensuring that no one with symptoms enters the school site. Families should not send their child to school if any member of the household develops Coronavirus symptoms (a new, persistent cough / high temperature / a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste). If anyone in the household develops symptoms, families should follow the most up to date guidance about self-isolation and testing and contact the school immediately. If your child displays any symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated from the other children in school and you will be asked to pick them up immediately.
2. Adults in school will be instructing children to use soap and water to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Teachers will also be ensuring the children follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach for coughs and sneezes. Hand sanitiser may be used when hand washing is not possible and will only be used under adult supervision. Children will be expected to wash their hands/use hand sanitiser as a minimum: on arrival at school, before and after using the toilet, before and after break and lunch times, before eating any food, before and after sporting activities, before leaving school, and after sneezing/coughing. If you do not wish your child to use hand sanitiser, please email the school office. Teachers will be showing the children how to wash their



hands thoroughly, but if you are able to speak to your children about this beforehand, we would greatly appreciate it. The following resources may be useful:

- e-bug resources https://e-bug.eu/eng_home.aspx?cc=eng&ss=1&t=Information%20about%20the%20Coronavirus
- Handwashing video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>
- Posters below are from e-bug

Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.




1 Palm to palm

2 Backs of hands

3 Between fingers

4 Backs of fingers

5 Thumbs

6 Tips of fingers

To help keep time, sing 'Happy Birthday' twice.

Cover your coughs and sneezes.



1.



Use a tissue if you have one



If you have no tissue, use your sleeve

2.



Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.

To help keep time - sing 'Happy Birthday' twice.

- Children will be kept in year group 'bubbles' and will not mix with other bubbles in school. Staggered break and lunchtimes will ensure children in different year groups are kept separately and each year group bubble will have their own area of the playground during outside play. Children will eat lunches in their classrooms. Sandwich lunch bags are available as a school lunch but this will be reviewed and we expect to introduce hot meals after a few weeks into the term. The year groups have been assigned toilets for their bubble where possible, but some bubbles will have to share toilets. Where this is necessary, extra precautionary measures will be taken and children will sanitise or wash their hands before leaving their classroom and when they return after using the toilets.

4. Frequently used resources such as pencils will be given to the children in their own labelled pack. However, children are allowed to share classroom resources within their bubbles. PE and ICT equipment will be cleaned or quarantined for 72 hours between sessions.
5. Drop off and pick up times have been staggered to aid social distancing in the school vicinity. Further details regarding drop off and pick up will be provided in a separate letter that you can share with your child before school begins.
6. Children are allowed to take **one small rucksack or bag** into school but this must contain **only** the essentials (e.g. lunch, water bottle, hat, reading book from school). Book bags can be used instead of a small bag. Please **do not** bring in large rucksacks as these will not be necessary and take up a lot of space in cloakrooms. When your child has PE, they must wear their PE kit into school. Further information about the PE days will be given next week. There will be no PE lessons on the first two days back at school, but children will be outside (weather permitting) for active sessions. Please **ensure all your child's clothing is labelled** to avoid items becoming mixed up with other children's.

The following information has been provided by our Local Authority and confirms the procedures you must follow if your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19:

1. The following are now recognised symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
2. If your child has these recognised symptoms, you must **inform the school and then get tested**. Please book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These are:
 - test centre – booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test and the nearest ones for South Gloucestershire Local Authority are: Bristol (Bristol Airport) or Gloucester (Hempstead Meadow) [online booking portal](#)
 - home test kit – parents or carers can order a home test kit for their child or young person [online booking portal](#)
3. All schools, including our own, have been given a very limited stock of home test kits. These will **only** be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. If you have access as a parent or carer to the internet at home, please note that it would be expected that you would book a test through the online portal in the first instance.
4. We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is **negative**, you must still **notify the school immediately of the outcome**. They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire to update their records in line with their standard operating procedures.
5. We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is **positive**, you must **notify the school immediately of the outcome**. They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with your child to self-isolate in line with national guidance; this will be managed sensitively.
6. If there were to be any confirmed case with a child or young person in our school, then our leaders will work with Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with the confirmed case to self-isolate in line with national guidance.



Our Recovery Curriculum

I would also like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that all the staff at Hambrook have been thinking carefully about what the curriculum should look like for our children when they return in September following a substantial amount of time away from school due to the enforced school closures. Our Recovery Curriculum acknowledges that the pandemic may have resulted in a huge impact on the children's mental health. We are also very mindful of the impact this pandemic has had on our children's attainment and progress. Our Recovery Curriculum will support our children's transition back into the classroom and focus on supporting the children with the following areas: building positive relationships with others; managing their feelings and behaviours; enjoying school and making excellent progress; their physical health and well-being.

Additionally, we will be carrying out careful assessments of our children's academic progress. We understand that our children's experiences during the home-learning period may vary from one individual to another. The teachers have a good understanding of some of the activities the children have been doing while at home, either from the work sent to us during school closures, or from conversations with parents and/or children. With that in mind, we will be ensuring that our curriculum matches the needs of our children, using transition units developed by our Local Authority advisors designed to assess and address gaps across the core curriculum subjects.

All of our amazing teaching team are looking forward to welcoming the children back to the classroom. We have been in school over the past few weeks preparing all classrooms and learning environments so that the school is as safe as possible and allows the children to continue learning in an engaging and exciting way with their friends at Hambrook.

Kind regards

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