



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher's notes

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school and I know that the staff have been really pleased to see them all – it feels like our school again. They all look so smart and have been so enthusiastic. The school is now larger than it has ever been with nearly 530 children across 19 classes. Welcome to all the new staff, children and their families who have joined us for the first time and we are looking forward to seeing the Brambles and Reception children start next week.

As always this is our regular Newsletter which is sent out every Friday. We have an exciting term to look forward to but it may also be quite different as many activities and events we are used to doing are not possible at the moment. Phase Letters will be sent home next week to let you know what your child is studying this term and how you can help.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation over this past week whilst we have set up systems to get the children into and out of school as safely as possible. We will continue to review what we are doing to keep everyone safe, working with both the Local Authority and Governors, and will keep you updated.

Hand Washing and Sanitiser

As part of our Risk Assessment we have effective hygiene control measures in place which include regular hand washing and the use of sanitiser. We continue to take regular advice on the matter as not all alcohol hand gels are the same. They differ in their ingredients, the percentage of alcohol present and whether or not they contain emollients.

The recommendation for COVID-19 is to be to use soap and water where you can, and if not then use an alcohol hand gel that contains at least 60% alcohol. Gels containing >60% alcohol are very effective, providing that the hands are quite clean to start with (not muddy or greasy).

From next week the children may bring in their own small bottle of hand sanitiser which ideally should be between 60 - 70% alcohol. If they contain more than 70% alcohol we will need to have assessments in place.

We will continue to ensure that there is a good hand cleaning regime in the school.

Uniform

On PE days the children should come in PE kits to avoid the need to change. Please be prepared for all weathers. PE will start next week:

Year 1		Tuesday
Year 2	2 Maple	Monday and Wednesday
	2 Willow	Monday and Wednesday
	2 Beech	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3 & 4		Monday
Year 5 & 6	Upper Willow	Tuesday + Thursday
	Upper Cedar	Tuesday + Thursday
	Upper Beech	Tuesday + Thursday
	Upper Maple	Thursday + Friday
	Upper Elm	Thursday + Friday

Communication

If you have changed address, email address or phone number over the summer please let us know as soon as possible as it is essential that we have up to date contact details for all of the children.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

We value the strong partnership that we have with you as parents and carers and all the staff work hard to maintain good working relationships and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. If you have a concern regarding your child please contact your child's teacher. We realise that in the current circumstances that this may be more difficult so please email the office and staff will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of property that was not taken home last year which will be stored in the main school reception area for the next week.

PTA News

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope you all had a good break.



**There are several important reminders at the start of the new school year to help everyone.
Thank you for your co-operation.**

Lost Property	We do not store lost property so please make sure that all belongings are named so that they can be returned to their owner. Items that do not have any name will only be kept for a very short period before being passed onto the PTA or disposed of.
Car Parks	The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not walk or cycle through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.
Parking	Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school. Bikes and scooters should be walked down the paths and must not be ridden on the premises.
Dogs	Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought.
Avoiding Nuts	We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.
Sickness/Diarrhoea	Children must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We do enforce this policy in order to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
Water Bottles	The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing still water only and not juice or flavoured water please.
Absence	Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.

Start and End of the Day Arrangements Next Week

We are making some changes to the start of the day arrangements from next week. In order to ease congestion and to enable parents/carers to socially distance more easily we will open the gates and doors at 8.45am. The doors will close at 9.05am. The gates will close at 9.20am. The children should come into school as quickly as possible on their own.

Reception

Please see the details on the separate letter which has been sent home today.

Year 1

The doors will be open from 8.45am until 9.05am so that the children can come straight into school on their own and make their way to their classrooms.

Year 2

2 Beech and 2 Willow

The white door at the back of the school will be open from 8.45am until 9.05am so that the children can come straight into school on their own.

2 Maple

The children should use their classroom door.

Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

When the children arrive at school they can walk straight into school. The doors will open from 8.45am and we would ask that all children come through the **KS2** gates and use the doors at that end of the building