



Brampton Village Primary School

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this continues to find you all safe and well. Despite the changeable weather this week I trust you have all managed to keep getting your daily exercise – our family dog has certainly enjoyed his walks! We've also had some family challenges on the Wii and I think I've been beaten at every sport. I know from experience that balancing home-learning and work is a challenge along with finding time to switch off and despite not being 'in school' we are thinking of you all during this time.

Booking Child-Care at School

We remain open to provide care for those children of critical Key Workers and those who are vulnerable. **We appreciate that parents may need to work but you should only send your child to school if your work is critical to the Covid-19 response. The safest place for the children is at home if at all possible.** Numbers have increased this week and in order to ensure we can support the children of critical Key Workers we may have to request further proof of work which some other schools are now also doing.

I would like to thank all the staff who have been able to support the children and I also know that there are many staff who are having to stay home as well – we continue to wish them all the best. Please can we ask that all bookings are made through our online booking system <https://bramptonvillage.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> as this enables us to plan the staff rota and will ensure that we have the right support in place. Parents of children in Brambles will need to email closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk to book a place.

Free School Meals

Vouchers should now be coming through to those entitled to free school meals. We have heard today that Aldi supermarkets successfully went live on the scheme on 27th April, and McColl's have also joined the scheme.

Lower Beech

We wish Miss Wilkinson and Mr Knight all the best as she starts her maternity leave today – we will keep you updated when there is any news. Whilst the school is closed Mrs Bell-Berry and Mrs Pettitt will be supporting the children with their work at home and parents can always contact the school using closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Contacting School

In order to assist communication between staff and parents in KS1 whilst the school is closed new email addresses have been set up.

Lower Beech lowerbeech@brampton.cambs.sch.uk (monitored by Mrs Bell-Berry and Mrs Pettitt)

Lower Willow lowerwillow@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

Lower Maple lowermaple@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

Lower Cedar lowercedar@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

Lower Elm lowerelm@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

The fsm@brampton.cambs.sch.uk email address is no longer in use. Please use closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk for any enquiries.

Staff have started ringing families this week and this will continue over the next few weeks as we seek to maintain contact and offer support where we can.

Home Learning

You should have received a letter earlier this week about parent access to the Starz learning platform. Details were also provided about the app which



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can be downloaded. Both enable you to see a range of information, including any homework projects that have been set. There is limited information for Reception families as they are not currently using Starz.

A number of parent logins have been sent out when requested and these can be obtained by emailing starzlogin@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

We are aware that access to laptops and tablets can be a challenge for many families, along with reliable internet. We understand that many of the online BBC resources are due to made available via the red button.

Please remember that there is a supply of exercise books available from the main Reception area which you can collect.

Year 6 Year Book

A separate letter is being sent out to all parents today.

School Uniform Orders for September 2020

Orchard Clothing, suppliers of school uniform items with the school logo on it, have notified us that they will be opening up their website to orders for September on 4th May 2020.

They have done this because, due to the impact of Coronavirus, they believe that they will have issues fulfilling orders due to the loss of production from their suppliers during this time. If orders are placed early, they believe that they will maximise the chances of being able to pull together orders for despatch once government restrictions lift. This may not be for some time, but they intend to operate on a "first come, first served" basis, so early orders will be dealt with first.

If as a result of early ordering you purchase the wrong size, Orchard have pledged to offer a full exchange for all garments from the date of order up to the date school opens in September, as long as they are returned with the correct labels, packaging and in unworn condition.

Orchard have frozen their prices at last year's levels, so a sweatshirt will cost £11 and a polo shirt £9.50. Other items, such as cardigans, book bags and stormproof jackets will also be available to order.

A link to their website can be found on the school website or by clicking on <http://www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk/schools/BramptonVillagePE28/>.

Music

Following a recent item about an online orchestra this is an update from the Local Authority:

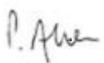
A big wave of enthusiasm for Cambridgeshire Music's first Virtual Orchestra

Cambridgeshire Music, the County Council's Music and Arts Hub, has been inundated with rhythmic additions to its Virtual Orchestra since it launched this opportunity on 17 April. Fifty musicians have sent across video and audio files of themselves playing along to the theme tune of the hit US TV classic, Hawaii Five-0, which has now been turned into a musical montage online. [Watch the video here](#). One participant was a former Cambridgeshire Music student getting in touch all the way from Los Angeles, and the instruments ranged from saxophones and flutes to cellos and drum kits – as well as some interesting implements from a kitchen cupboard! Plans are now in place to do it again and the team is already thinking about which musical piece to cover next.

More details can be found here - <https://www.spottedinely.com/cambridgeshires-first-online-orchestra/>.

We are here to support you so please remember you can contact us on closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Take care and stay safe.



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