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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school, whether you are learning from home or partly in school. Most of our communications at the beginning of this year have been related to the plans in place for the coming months whilst the majority of us are at home.

Some of this newsletter is taken up with more mentions about the current situation—please accept my apologies. It is an unusually long newsletter this month, but please bear with us as we would encourage you to read through it as it includes useful information to support you.

I hope the children have settled in well to their new routines for home learning and/or coming into school for the days they are required to access this provision. The teachers and I track how well the children are accessing their class pages and submitting work. We are all so pleased with the children and the work they have done already. This seems to be going well across all classes and we will continue to update you with how they are progressing with their activities.

Storytime has been a success for the children and teachers. The children are enjoying this live session and the teachers are pleased to have this interaction with them each day.

Children — you are amazing and the activities you have been doing are wonderful. Keep up the good work!

Whole School Home Page

As well as the class pages there is a Whole School page written by me to all of the children. You can access this by clicking on the down arrow under your child's name and select Whole School. There are different activities on this page including whole school assemblies and messages to the children from me. I hope the children enjoy these.

Christmas Treat Bags

Thank you to all of the parents who ordered the Treat Bags before Christmas. We received a over 100 requests and as a result raised **£286** from this event. Thank you!

Thank You!

Thank you for responding to our google form asking if you wish to use the key worker provision for your children.

We received an overwhelming number of families who wish to access the key worker provision. The purpose of the national school closure is to reduce social contact and stop the spread of Covid-19. Therefore we have needed to balance the support for key workers with the safety of our staff and children. We have needed to prioritise families where single parents/carers or both parents/carers are key workers. We have asked that families with two parents/carers in the household (even where one of those is a key worker) try to make arrangements to manage childcare at home themselves where possible.

While we understand that home schooling is not ideal and juggling home and work commitments is incredibly stressful, we need to ensure that we can staff it safely and keep numbers to a minimum.

Please will you consider the above and contact the school office if you do not require the provision that you have asked for. Thank you again for your understanding and continued support.



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Covid Update

Please can I direct you to our Covid-19 page on the school website. This has been updated recently with new documents as well as outlining our remote education offer/information that we are required to provide for parents. [Remote Learning](#)

Call From Your Teacher

Over the next few weeks your child(ren)'s teacher will call you just to check-in on how things are going at home. They would love to have a chat to your child(ren) too. If they cannot get hold of you or it is not a convenient time, please don't worry, they will call you back.

Reminder On How to Access Home Learning

Most of the children have been accessing their class pages. Just in case you are having a few problems with logging in here is the guide again to help you. Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email if you would like further assistance. Also, here is a link to an online video showing you how to login.

Please email the school office if you would like us to send your login details again to you.

<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/users/students/primary-student/forgotten-password-students-primary/>

Using the platform

Go to your school's website: <https://www.haddenhaminfant.bucks.sch.uk/website> and click on the login button

Enter your details: **Your username:**

Your password:

(please keep these safe and secure for future use)

3. eSchools brings together the information you'll need into one easy-to-use platform.

Click on the cog icon in the top right corner to change your password



Using the app

1. Search 'eSchools' to find the free app in either the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) or click on the link from your eSchools dashboard to download the app.

Enter your details: **School Name (for app): haddenhaminfant**

Login details: As above

3. Within the app you'll be able to view relevant information as well as receive notifications on the go. Ensure notifications are turned on within your phone settings, so you do not miss any important updates.

For further information and a quick video introduction to the eSchools platform please visit www.eschools.co.uk/parent-letter



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Electronic Devices For Home Learning

If you are in need of a device or need extra due to not enough in the house please send us an email as we may be able to source extra for you. We would love to hear from you too if you have an unwanted device that you are willing to donate to us. Thank you.

Using a Games Console to Access Remote Learning

Here are some alternative ways to utilise the facilities you have at home to access remote learning. If you are using a PlayStation or Xbox to access on line learning and need a keyboard and/ or mouse, please let me know.

Using a Games Console to Access Remote Learning

Using an Xbox to access home learning

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot.
2. Go into 'My games and apps'.
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select.
4. Search Office 365 via Google
5. Log in with your school Office 365 account, this will then give you access to the following:
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Word/Access/PowerPoint/Excel
 - PowerPoint
 - Emails
6. To navigate the screen, use your Xbox controller or plug in a mouse.

Using a PlayStation to access home learning

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser (icon with WWW).
2. Press the PS4 logo on the controller.
3. Go to the library and options for games and applications.
4. Select applications and you will find the internet browser.
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Health and Wellbeing

Wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds and if children need additional support and reassurance please do not hesitate to contact us for individual support.

As we all know, remote learning can be challenging for parents and children and this can take a toll on mental health and wellbeing. For a health balance for the children my advice would be to have a daily routine, building in breaks, rewards and play/exercise. Whilst our live sessions keeps the children in touch with the school community at what can be a lonely time.

There are lots of excellent mental health resources available, below are three self-help resources which you may find useful:

- 1 A brand-new parent support website: they are the future. <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/>
- 2 Free 3-day mini course: Reset your child's wellbeing in 2021. This course is for parents of children struggling with stress, anger or anxiety.
- 3 <https://thehappynewspaper.com/product-category/education/>

Please visit our [website Resources for Home Learning](#) for further information. Please do not hesitate contact the school if you need further support and advice regarding your child's mental health.

Woodways Playground

The Parish Council have asked us to send this to parents. They are planning to refurbish Woodways Playground, as much of the ageing wooden play equipment is beginning to show signs of wear.

They're currently asking residents to complete their online [playground survey](#), as they're keen to know what they think about the existing facilities and what they would like to see going forward.

They would be very grateful for your help by completing the [playground survey](#). The survey takes 2-3 minutes to complete and closes on 14th February 2021.

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil