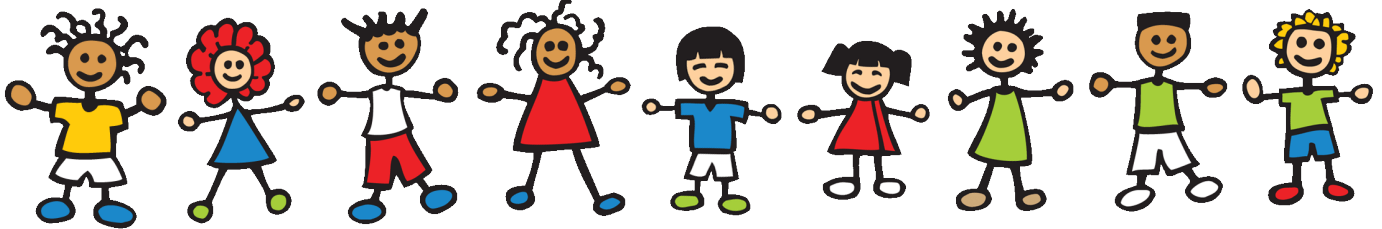




# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 5



Dear All

This week, we welcomed an independent auditor to review our safeguarding procedures at school I am really pleased to say Hamsey Green has very effective safeguarding! I was especially proud of the School Council who spoke eloquently and clearly about safety at Hamsey Green and were great ambassadors.

The weather hasn't been too kind this week but I am pleased to see how many children are coming to school on bikes and scooters.



Please can I request that you remind children remember to wear helmets too, especially if they are cycling on the road!



It seems to be all about minibeasts this week at school for in Nursery and Reception! Butterworth and Inkpen, have been learning about ladybirds and created potato print ladybirds as well as these painted stone ladybirds which are very cute!



I have been really impressed with the resilience of the children in all classes this week during assessment week. It has really pleased me to have so many children inform me they have either met their targets, told me how many reading levels they have jumped or passed lots of tests they were aiming for. I have been really proud of them all

achieving their best. It has also been lovely seeing how excited and happy they have been playing with children in the other class bubble.

Wishing you all a dry and less windy weekend



Mrs Mace

**All adults MUST wear a mask on School premises, unless exempt.**



This week at Acorns we have been focussing on bugs. We have enjoyed looking at bugs in the discovery tray and talking about what they look like. We have made spiders and practised counting the legs and have been threading using leaves too.

### Communication this week

- Information packs to new Reception class
- Year 5 PSHE letter

### Attendance:

1st Place : McKee (2) - 99%

2nd Place: Inkpen [R] - 98.4%

3rd Place: Murphy (2) - 98.1%

Whole School: 96.4%

Surfers and Ocean Club is now open to all and thriving. Please can parents book by the Sunday for the whole week, as spaces are limited due to Covid restrictions and to ensure staffing ratios.

Ocean Club closes at 5pm until further notice. This will be reviewed later this term with the aim to open until 6pm after half term with children in Year bubbles. With numbers now increasing and for staffing this, both Acorns and the Hamsey After School Clubs will be on the Primary site from after half term.



Please can we remind parents/carers, that should you request a COVID test, you still need to notify the school office at [office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk). We are still required to inform the authorities of any confirmed cases. Please keep us updated should you request a test and are awaiting results. Thank you.

As still are trying to limit the number of people coming into the school. Please make sure that your child/children have all of the items they will need for the school day when you drop them off to school. We have had a number of 'forgotten' items coming into the office. Due to how the class bubbles work, it is not always immediate that these items get picked up for their classes. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Thank you for continuing to keep our school community safe. Thank you!

### School Uniform

Now that the children are all back in school and shops have reopened for normal business, please can we remind you of our school uniform policy. The uniform policy is attached to the email. Girls and boys with hair longer than shoulder length, must have all their hair tied back for school. Please can we remind that motifs or lines or designs should not be shaved into hairstyles. **No jewellery (including earrings) should be worn on PE day for health and safety.**

Thank you.

Please can we ask that you do not allow your children to play on the adventure playground before or after school. Thank you all, for your assistance in this matter.

**Please can we ask all parents/carers to let us know of any changes to contact details; e.g. telephone, email and address. We can only communicate with families successfully, if we have the right details! Thank you. Please email the school office with any changes at [office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk).**

Thank you to the parents who have already ordered books through our Amazon wish list. If you do order any, please can you also include a gift note so that we may know who they are from. Thank you!

### Croydon High School Open Event

We are delighted to announce that following the update in Government guidelines, we are able to welcome visitors for an Open Event at the school on the evening of **Wednesday 30 June**. In the interests of health and safety, we feel it is important to restrict the numbers of people on site and so we will be limiting this invitation to **external applicants for September 2022 only**.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs Pattison and other staff members in the school grounds and also to take a short, self-guided tour of our fantastic facilities. To maintain social distancing we are offering two tour start times (5pm and 6.30pm) – with limited numbers in each session, please find the link below to book your place. We anticipate the tour lasting approximately 1 hour.

<https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/senior-school-open-event-30-june-2021/>

Please note, we plan to run a full whole school **Open Morning on Saturday 9 October**.

### Word of the Week

(KS1) **Approach** — to move towards something

(KS2 lower) **Naïve** — having a lack of experience, wisdom or judgement

(KS2 upper) **Circumspect** — to be wary and unwilling to take risks

Now that all the children are back in school. Please can we ask you to check your child's hair regularly. Over the counter products are readily available should you need them. Thank you.

**STAY AT HOME** 

**PROTECT THE NHS**

 **save lives**

#### COVID testing UPDATED

If anyone in your household shows COVID symptoms, the household must isolate until the results of the test are known. The person who has tested positive, has a 10 day isolation period.

Self-isolate for 10 days if someone you live with:

- has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive or did not have a test
- tested positive but has not had symptoms

This is because it can take 10 days for symptoms to appear.

The 10 days starts from:

- when the first person in your home started having symptoms
- the day they were tested, if they have not had symptoms – if they get symptoms after they were tested, self-isolate for a further 10 days from when their symptoms start

When to stop self-isolating

You can stop self-isolating after 10 days if you do not get any symptoms.

Taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

**Please use the link below for up to date guidance for parents**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

#### Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

## Lateral Flow Tests

This section does not apply to secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, who should take twice-weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site by ordering a home test kit online
- Get a test through your employer
- Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.
- Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site
- You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.
- You may need to book an appointment.
- [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)
- Collect test kits
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.
- Anyone 18 or over can collect.
- Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.
- [Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)
- Order home test kits online
- If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online
- Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

### [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

- What twice-weekly testing involves
- You will be asked to:
  - take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
  - report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
  - [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.
- If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:
  - self-isolate immediately
  - get a PCR test to confirm the result
  - follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)
- A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:
  - regular handwashing
  - social distancing
  - wearing a face covering where recommended