



Hamsey Community Primary School

Welcome Meeting
June 2026



*A kind, creative community where
learning is an adventure*



**Welcome to our kind, creative community
where learning is an adventure.**



Our school charter gives an overview of our school:

- We are kind, gentle and forgiving.
- We celebrate our school community and the world around us.
- We value our learning and creativity.
- We feel safe to be who we are.
- Our pro-social choices create a safe space for everyone.
- Our learning behaviours are:
 curiosity, determination, independence, pride and respect.



The Team



Ms Potter
Class Teacher



Mrs Curran
Teaching Assistant
(all day)



The School Day

| Timings | Activities |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 8:30 | School Starts - the gate is open |
| 8:45 – 9.00 | Registration & Settling to Learn |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Phonics |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Morning Session 1 |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Snack & Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Morning Session 2 |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch & Play |
| 1:00 – 3:00 | Afternoon Session |
| 3:10 | School Finishes – the gate is open |

Sessions can include English, Maths, project, forest school / welly walk.



Tapestry



Tapestry

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Tapestry is the complete platform that supports the everyday management of your setting, celebrates child-centred learning, and nurtures parent ...

- We use Tapestry, an online learning journal for your child.
- The class team will upload photos, videos and observations of what your child has been busy doing during the school day for you to look at, comment on and discuss with your child.
- You can also use Tapestry to send us photos and comments about any learning your child has done at home or exciting things you have been up to as a family.



Wow Moments

- We love to hear what your child has been doing outside of school and learn about their achievements, however small they may be.
- You can upload these to Tapestry by clicking on the ‘add observation’ button.
- We will then share these with the class.

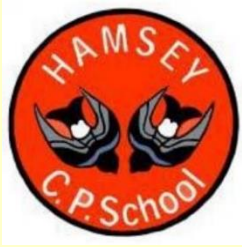




Buddies

- All our new children will be assigned a Year 6 Buddy when they start school. These buddies will be responsible for helping the new children with various aspects of school life.
- The children will also have frequent opportunities to play, read and learn with their buddies throughout the school year.





Drop Off

- The front school gate is unlocked at 8:30am and closes at 8:40am.
- Children can socialise on the playground. If it is raining, they go straight into their classrooms.
- A member of staff is always available at the gate to welcome children and talk to families.
- We encourage children to go independently into school and ask that, as a rule, parents/carers do not pass the school gate. This helps to support smooth transitions.



Collection

- Children are collected from the playground at the back of the school. They need to wait until their school adult calls their name.
- The school gate is open from 3:10pm - 3:20pm
- On Fridays you can stay and play until 4pm using our school grounds.
- Please inform the school office if anyone who is not on your usual pick-up list is collecting your child. There is a simple form to complete (kept in the foyer). You will be given a confidential password which will be used to confirm pick up arrangements.



Parking

- We encourage you to walk to school, if you can.
- The school has no parking available so if you use a car you will have to park nearby. Please do not park on the road outside school and be mindful of our friendly neighbours.
- We have a small area where scooters and bikes can be stored for the day at the front of the school.

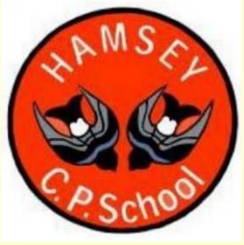




Snacks / Lunch

- As with all schools, we are a nut-free zone. Please check carefully that any snacks you are sending in do not contain nuts.
- All children in EY and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit in the morning, but you are welcome to supplement this with a healthy snack from home.
- Lunch is supplied by Chartwells, please book with your children in advance of the day as they are settling in.





Transition to School

Stay & Play

Thurs 2nd July - with Parents 9.30-10.30 am

and

Thurs 9th July - NO PARENTS - 9.30-10.30 am

Settling-in Sessions

Thursday 10th September -8.30-11.45am

and

Friday 11th September 8.30-1.15- please
send your child in with a packed lunch.

Home Visits

These will be given to you.

They have been organised
geographically. If you can't
make an appointment please
speak to Mrs Saunders.

Full Time

Monday 14th September
20026



STARTING SCHOOL READINESS CHECKLIST

A KIND, CREATIVE COMMUNITY WHERE
LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE

THINGS I CAN DO...



Put my own coat on



Hold a pencil



Zip my coat up



Cut my food and
feed myself



Dress myself



Recognise my
name



Use scissors safely



Tidy my things
away



Share with others



Put my shoes on



Got to the toilet
on my own



Say please and
thank you

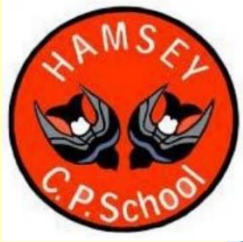


Wash my hands



Count from 1 to 10





Welcome to your classroom..





Contact Us

If you have any questions or queries about your child starting school, please contact Mrs Amy Saunders in the school office. All email communication should go via the office.

hamseyoffice@skylarkfed.education

01273 400 370



Playdate for new starters:

FREE EVENT

Friday 17th July

1-3pm

Beechwood Hall

Address: Beechwood Hall, Beechwood Ln, Cooksbridge, Lewes BN7 3QG

