

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Hamstel Infants School and Nursery. I hope that you all had a lovely summer and that the Year 1 and 2 children were excited to return to school today and in the case of our Nursery and Reception children, are eager to start their educational journeys with us. Over the summer, our fabulous team have been very busy getting the school ready for the children's return and it was lovely to finally have them walking back through the gates this morning. We can't wait for all of our younger children to join us over the course of the next week so that we have a full school once again.

We sincerely hope that all of the children love coming to school and feel happy and safe at Hamstel Infant School and Nursery.

It is also a new start and new role for me personally at Hamstel Infants and I would just like to say what a privilege it is to take on the role of Principal at this wonderful school. After 20 great years at Friars Primary (another of our Portico schools), I am really relishing the challenge of leading the school towards its next successes and I look forward to getting to know all of our children and families over the coming months.

Our aim at Hamstel Infants is to make our relationships and communication with you outstanding and part of that is to ensure we give you plenty of notice for any upcoming events. We are excited to share some dates for your diaries, as well as lots of opportunities for you to come into school to work with our teachers and your children. Events for parents to attend are marked in bold on the table on the back pages. More details will follow over the coming weeks but please save these dates and times where possible as your support at these events is so important to us and your children.

Please also remember to look at your child's classroom windows for important information or any changes to timetables.

You may have heard in the news recently that some schools are experiencing difficulties opening this September due to the presence of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) in their buildings. I am pleased to confirm that we do not have this type of concrete at Hamstel Infants and we are therefore completely unaffected. Please also see the attached letter from our Trust CEO.

After a British summer of very mixed weather, typically, as we return to school, we are due to have a heat-wave this week. Please remember to send the children into school with a sun hat and with sun cream applied to keep them safe in the sun.

Please remember that should you ever have a problem or a concern about anything to do with school life, that you speak to the class teachers or contact the school office via the main email office@his.porticoacademytrust.co.uk, where we will be happy to help.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Best Regards,
Mr Roche - Principal