



Frequently asked questions

Due to the current circumstances I have created a question sheet as at the moment you cannot ask them in person.

Please ask your parents or carers to contact me at Npark@hamptongardens.org.uk if you require any other information.

Getting to school

Where can I put my bike/scooter?

There is space available for you to lock your bike/ scooter. Ensure you bring your own bike lock and use it correctly every day.

What time am I allowed in school?

You are not able to enter the school building until 8:25am ready for registration in form time or assembly at 8:30am. But the canteen opens from 8.00 am and you can yet breakfast there if you want. (Cereals, toast, porridge, Sometimes pancakes and pastries)

Uniform

Where do I get uniform from?

Total clothing

How can I ensure I get the right size?

Please see the recent document that has been sent out regarding uniform and shop opening times during this unforeseen time. If you did not receive this and would like a copy please contact the email address above.

What shoes can I wear?

Shoes must be black leather or leather-style which can be polished.

Trainer, canvas, boots, high heeled or other suitable footwear are NOT allowed.

Do I have to get a summer uniform?

The summer Polo Shirt is optional and can be worn after Easter. Summer uniform should NOT be worn in September.

What are the rules on Makeup, hair and jewellery?

Pupils are NOT to wear Make-up and hair must be natural and not extreme. Please ensure hair accessories are uniform or neutral coloured. Pupils can ONLY wear a wrist watch and one plain pair of studs.

Tutor groups and classes

Can I request to be put in a form group with my friends?

Form groups are set on Educational Needs therefore you cannot request to be put in friendship groups. Please remember this is also a time to make new friendships.

Will I be in my form group for every lesson?

To start with you will be in your form group for every subject. Towards the end of the first term, classes will change for Maths, English and Science as they will be regrouped once we have got to know you better.

Canteen

What food can I get from Hampton Gardens?

There is a variety of food served before school, break and lunches. There are always cold options for example: Salads and Sandwiches, a hot main meal which changes daily and other things such as Pasta and Pizza.

What if I'm eligible for free school meals?

You can get any two items with your free school meal but you can only eat at either break OR lunch. They will take your first two items as your free school meal. If you want to have a snack/ drink at break that you want to pay for and use your free school meal at lunch you must tell the person on the till.

Can I buy a drink at any time?

You can only purchase a drink during break and lunch, it is strongly advised that you bring a water bottle to fill up throughout the school day. Please note that pupils are NOT allowed to leave lessons to fill their bottle up.

Toilets

How are the toilets different at Hampton Gardens?

*The toilets are open toilets meaning that when you walk past, you can see into the sink area, this does not mean the toilet cubicles themselves are open. **All toilet cubicles have doors.***

Can I go to the toilet during lessons?

You are expected to go to the toilet during break and lunch times. There is also a 5 minute change over time between lessons therefore it is expected that you should not leave lessons to go to the toilet unless you have a medical reason.

Bringing equipment to school

What equipment will I need?

You will need to ensure you have your stationary with you so you are prepared for every lesson.

You will need:

- *2 Pens (blue or black)*
- *A Pencil*
- *A Sharpener*
- *A Rubber*
- *A green Pen*
- *A ruler*

Maths Equipment:

- *Protractor*
- *Compass*
- *Scientific calculator*

You will also need to bring your PE kit when you are timetabled to have PE.

Do I have to carry my equipment and PE kit around with me all day?

You are responsible for your own belongings that is why we ask you to NOT bring valuables into school. You will need to ensure your school bag is big enough to fit all your belongings in. There are lockers at Hampton Garden which you can apply for. This can be done in September via student reception.

Am I allowed my phone?

Mobile phones should not be seen on school site. You may hand in their phone at student services at the start of the day if essential.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

What clubs can I join?

There are lots of activities available during lunch times and afterschool particularly in PE, Music and Drama. Most of these are available to all. These are free of charge unless there is an external organisation running a scheme which you may have to sign up for. Look out for information in Assemblies and from your form tutor. Achievement

support also run a range of clubs that you may be invited too. We also have an excellent Young careers group who have been on trips out of school. Please let us know if you think you might be eligible as a young career.