

Brunswick Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

September's Focus Value is **RESPECT**

The children have been back at school for two weeks now and are settling well into their new routines. You have too; our EYFS/KS1 One Way System is working well, as is sanitising hands on entry and exit. I am writing this Newsletter a week early to clarify some of the guidance the school is required to follow, misconceptions some parents and carers have about arrangements in place for their children and what you need to do if you have a question or complaint.

Some parents and carers are members of WhatsApp groups to give each other support about school and their children. These groups are a great idea when they are used well as they build friendships and networks. However, they are useless as a way of resolving complaints, instead serving only to stir them up, which causes anxiety as information in them is often inaccurate. We can't help you if you complain to WhatsApp, but we can if you speak to us. If you have a question, need something explained or are unhappy, you need to see or contact your child's teacher or ask any of the staff at the gates at the beginning and end of the day. We are all happy to help and most often can put your mind at rest straight away.

At school, children are fed free of charge with a piece of fruit at break time and a hot or sandwich meal for lunch, and in a school day lasting approximately 5 hours are given a minimum of 5 drinks of water - 4 during the day and as much as they want at lunchtime; more than they had before COVID-19 when they were able to use the outdoor fountains. Children tell you what they remember, which as we all know is not always what actually happened. This is to be expected: they are young and they are learning.

This is why it is vital you talk to us. For example, this week a young child told her dad she had not eaten lunch. He asked her teacher about it, who was able to tell him she had eaten a sandwich lunch that day in the classroom. What the child *meant* was she had not eaten lunch *in the Dining Hall* that day; she had just left that bit of information out. Her dad was reassured because he went to the right person for information to help. Whilst we do not get everything right - nobody does - we do our best in a school setting to provide the same level of care as would a parent.

Government guidance states the number of items brought in to school from home must be kept to a minimum. To provide further reassurance at this understandably anxious time, amongst other things this letter shows you what the sandwich lunch and drinking arrangements look like in practice and that guidance is being followed to keep your children safe.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy week ahead.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher



Social Distancing - Update

Young children are not expected to social distance, so in school they are kept in consistent groups and other measures are taken to limit spreading the virus.

Adults ARE expected to social distance.

Adults understand how to do it and are at greater risk of serious illness caused by COVID-19.

Parents and carers:

- Use all available space, including Bantry and Picton Streets, to maintain distance between adults **at all times**;
- Wear a face covering if you come inside the school building.
- (Face coverings are not needed outside, and children under 12 years old do not need them in school.)

We are all responsible for our own behaviour: please be patient with others and avoid crowding at gates or school entrances.

The Rule of 6 does not apply to adults on school premises, as only one adult per family is permitted to enter them to collect children.

PLEASE STAY APART

Information about Packed Lunches



This is an example of a school packed lunch: a cheese or tuna sandwich, cucumber and carrot, a piece of fruit and a biscuit or flapjack. The children choose their sandwich filling beforehand and the kitchen makes it to order. They eat their lunch in their classroom with drinks of water from their personal cup.

Packed lunches are made fresh every morning and are brought over to the main school in sanitised crates.



Information about drinking water

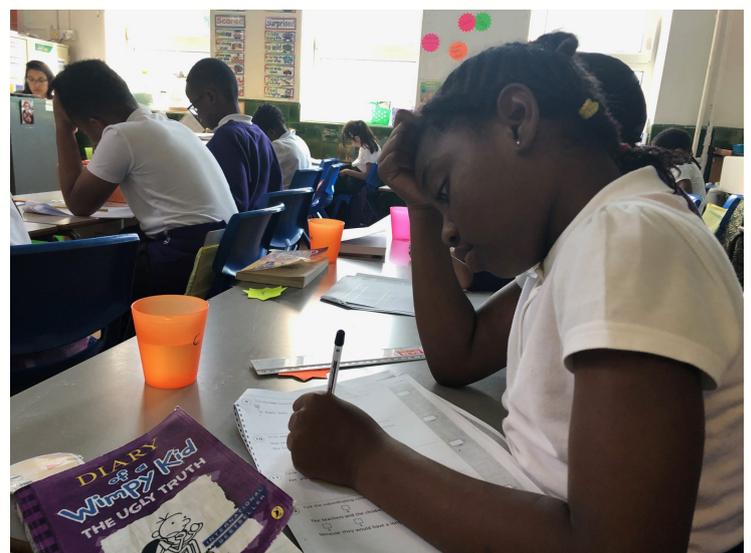


Images from each end of the school: above in Reception, children's cups are kept centrally in the classrooms. All cups are clearly named and children are carefully supervised to drink and eat their fruit.

Below in Years 5 and 6, cups are kept during the day with the children. Again, all cups are clearly named. Note that as these children are older, they learn facing forwards to minimise transmission of the virus.



**All cups
and jugs
are
sanitised
every day
in a hot
dishwasher**



Entering and leaving the school

**ALL SCHOOL ENTRANCES AND EXITS ARE ON
BANTRY STREET**

**EYFS and Years 1 and 2: enter through the KS1 Gate
and exit through the Nursery Gate;**

Years 3 and 4 and Resource Base: enter and exit
through the Main Gate;

Years 5 and 6: enter and exit through the Fire Gates.

There are signs, and staff are happy to help you.

**If you miss a member of staff with hand sanitiser,
please use the dispensers on the wall by each gate.**



What can my child bring from home?

As little as possible:

Book bag

PE Kit

Years 5 and 6 only, with parent/carer permission – **mobile phone** (collected, sanitised, stored securely then returned)

Children are given water throughout the day in named, sanitised cups and at lunchtime with their meals.

What happens at lunchtime?

In Southwark, the Council pays for all children's lunches until they leave primary school.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we have to limit numbers in the Dining Hall.

So, most children have a hot lunch and a packed lunch on alternate weeks, all provided by the School Kitchen.

This week, Years 2, 4 and 6 ate a hot lunch in the Dining Hall, and Years 1, 3 and 5 ate a packed lunch in their classrooms.

Next week it will swap over:

Years 1, 3 and 5 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall and Years 2, 4 and 6 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms.

Reception now stay for lunch. It is always a hot lunch in the Dining Hall.

What do I do if my child is ill?

Government Guidance states:

'If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.'

This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days*
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)*

If your child becomes unwell at home with any of these symptoms, you must inform the School Office then follow the guidance:

self-isolate and get a test.

If the test results are negative and your child is well, s/he should return to school.

If they are positive you must inform the School Office immediately so the Local Health Protection Team can take appropriate action.



To try to make understanding its guidance easier, the Government has introduced HANDS FACE SPACE.

At school, primary-aged children do HANDS with extra washing and sanitiser, and FACE and SPACE by being kept in consistent groups and, if age-appropriate, facing forwards in class.

Parents , carers and visitors need to do all 3:

Regular handwashing/sanitising;

Wearing a face covering inside the school building;

Maintaining social distance inside the school building and on the school premises including Bantry and Picton Street.

ONE ADULT PER FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO COME INTO THE PLAYGROUND TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT

Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term

HALF TERM 1: Wednesday 2 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020

INSET DAYS WEDNESDAY 2, THURSDAY 3 AND FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

HALF TERM 2: Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term

HALF TERM 3: Monday 4 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021

INSET DAY MONDAY 4 JANUARY – CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

HALF TERM 4: Monday 22 February 2021 to Wednesday 31 March 2021

Summer Term

HALF TERM 5: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 3 May)

INSET DAY ON MONDAY 19 APRIL – CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL

HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

HALF TERM 6: Monday 7 June 2021 to Friday 23 July 2021

Children finish at 2.00pm on 18 December 2020, 31 March 2021 and 23 July 2021





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Focus Values of the Month

2020-2021

September -	Respect
October -	Empathy
November -	Responsibility
December -	Peace
January -	Positivity
February -	Honesty
March -	Patience
April -	Gratitude
May -	Democracy
June -	Perseverance
July -	Aspiration

Reminders to all Parents and Carers

Correct School Uniform:

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. All children must wear black shoes, black or grey school trousers or skirts and socks and Hijabs should be plain white, black or grey. Grey or black shorts or purple checked summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.

Punctuality:

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day; arriving late is embarrassing and missed learning time affects achievement and stops your child from reaching his or her potential.

Parking:

Picton Street is now closed to traffic from 08:30 - 09:15 and 15:00 - 16:00. If you arrive by car please factor this in, as you will need to park elsewhere and walk into Picton Street.

Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is

Susannah Bellingham
Andrea Inniss-Griffith and
Thomas Moudiotis.

If you have any concerns about any child, please contact us.

We are committed to Safeguarding all children and members of our school community and take all concerns seriously.

For your information, key school policies are available on request from the School Office and can be downloaded from the school Website under the 'Our School' tab.

Please check the website for further details about what children have been doing and learning in school.

Missed a newsletter? All newsletters are available for download from the School Website under the 'News' tab.

<http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk>

Please look at our website www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk for links to useful activities and information and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.

School attendance is now mandatory once again.

If your child is absent from school we will continue making first day absence calls. Home Learning will only be offered to children who cannot attend school for clinical or public health reasons. If you choose not to send your child to school we will happily discuss this with you, but please be aware that non-attendance may result in further action in line with our Whole School Attendance Policy.

Right to Reply:

18/09/20: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

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