

To All Parents and Carers

14 July 2020

**Plans for the Full Reopening of Brunswick Park Primary School:
Information for Parents and Carers**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well, and managing the changes in society as lockdown restrictions are gradually lifted. As the end of the Summer Term approaches, it is time to share with you in this letter Brunswick's plans to reopen fully from September 2020 so you can prepare for your children's return. The letter is once again long and detailed, but it contains all the information you need to return your children to school with confidence, so persevering to the end is necessary.

The Government has made it clear that all children should come back to school, and has provided detailed guidance for school leaders to follow to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus to keep children and staff as safe as possible. The Guidance is based on 3 clear principles:

1. Maintaining high standards of hygiene, particularly respiratory hygiene;
2. Maintaining social distance where possible and appropriate;
3. Keeping children in consistent groups.

These principles have not changed since June, when schools opened to more children. The difference in their application is that from September children can be placed in larger groups as long as consistency is maintained. Our Risk Assessment has been updated as a result of this change and to reflect the greater number of people who will be using the building from September. For your information the Risk Assessment is available to view on the school website.

What will consistent groups look like at Brunswick Park?

I am pleased to say that Brunswick is unique. It has a Resource Base for children with ASC (autism) and a much higher than average number of pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) yet secures good outcomes for its children, both academically and socially. Staff achieve these outcomes by working flexibly, grouping children according to need and ability and working across Year Groups and Phases to target teaching and support. September's guidance allows us to continue to do this: children will be kept in consistent Phase Groups and will be taught and supported by consistent teams of staff.

To enable our children to recover socially, emotionally and academically, our consistent groups will be planned on 3 levels; classes, Year Groups and Phases:

- EYFS – Nursery and Reception
- Years 1 and 2
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6



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Operating in this way means staff including specialist teachers and support staff can be deployed where possible according to need, children can be grouped where possible according to need and the school's wider functions – break times, lunch times, wrap-around care – can take place safely. To work this way we have to be mindful of and manage 'close contact'.

According to latest Government Guidance, 'Close contact' means:

- *direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)*
- *proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual*
- *travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person*

Local Health Protection Teams advise on who to send for a period of self-isolation, and as far as is possible we will minimise 'close contact' between staff, and where age-appropriate we will minimise it with children, to avoid the need to send groups home if an infection is reported. Please remember that young children are not expected to keep social distance, and older children are expected to try their best.

In Key Stages 1 and 2, children will be taught in groups the size of a full class. Children moving to Year 1 have missed half of their Reception year. As part of their recovery from school closure, they will be taught using a child-led, EYFS approach. Classrooms for those pupils from Years 2-6 will be set up with desks in rows. All children will face the front of the classroom in the same direction. Pupils with complex SEND and who are Resource Based are already taught in small groups, so the layout of their furniture and classrooms will not change.

Breakfast Club and the Play Shelter After School Club will run as consistent groups. Specialist PE teaching from Andrew Payne and specialist music teaching from Paula Hales will continue, and will take place whilst teachers have their PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time. PE will be taught outdoors and in the Sports Hall as guidance permits, and music will be taught in the Middle Hall to allow for distancing in accordance with guidance. Children will receive a 'full educational experience'.

What will social distancing look like at Brunswick Park?

To maintain social distancing where possible, Consistent Phase Groups will have different start and finish times. From September Southwark Council has made plans to close Picton Street to traffic between 8.30 and 9.15am and 3.00 and 4.00pm to turn it into a pedestrian and cycle zone to enable social distancing as the children arrive and leave.



If you use a car to take your child to and from school, you will not be able to access Picton Street during these times so will need to make alternative arrangements to ensure your child arrives at school and returns home safely. We continue to ask that only one adult per child takes them to and collects them from school.

Every full-time child at Brunswick Park receives the same amount of direct teaching time: 5 hours per day. From September, the children's school days will look like this. Please note the different start and finish times to reduce the number of people on site at any one time, the entrances/exits that should be used and staggered break and lunch times:

Time	EYFS: Nursery and Reception To classrooms	Years 1 and 2 Year 1 to classrooms Year 2 use 5/6 stairs	Years 3 and 4 and Resource Base Resource Base to Classrooms Years 3 and 4 use back stairs	Years 5 and 6 Use Year 5/6 stairs
Arrival on Bantry Street	09:00 – 09:15 through the Nursery Gate	08:45 – 09:00 through the KS1 Gate	08:45 – 09:00 through the Main Gate	08:30 – 08:45 through the big Fire Gates
Morning session: Direct teaching time begins at	09:00	09:00	09:00	09:00
Break		10:15 – 10:30 KS1 Playground	10:30 – 10:45 KS2 Playground	11:15 – 11:30 KS2 Playground
Lunch in the Dining Hall	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:30 Year 1	12:30 – 13:00 Year 3	13:00 – 13:30 Year 5
Packed lunches in classrooms: alternate weeks in Years 1-6		12:00 – 12:30 Year 2	12:30 – 13:00 Year 4	13:00 – 13:30 Year 6
Lunchtime Play	12:00 – 12:30 Reception Playground/ Nursery Playground	12:30 – 13:00 KS1 Playground	13:00 – 13:30 KS2 Playground	13:30 – 14:00 KS2 Playground
Afternoon Session	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00
Break		14:15 – 14:30 KS1 Playground	14:15 – 14:30 KS2 Playground	
Finish	15:00	15:30	15:30	15:15
Direct Teacher Contact Time	5 hours	5 hours	5 hours	5 hours

Spaces are kept separate where possible, and use of space is staggered where it is not. Our kitchen will continue to provide hot lunches to all children. Capacity is limited in our Dining Hall to allow for social distancing. Reception children will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall every day. Years 1-6 will eat a hot lunch in the Dining Hall and a packed lunch in their classrooms on alternate weeks. All food is provided by the school.

What will maintaining high standards of hygiene, particularly respiratory hygiene, look like at Brunswick Park?

The school's stringent hygiene measures are now well-established: sanitising hands on arrival in school, regular handwashing, regular additional cleaning and disinfection, the removal of drinking fountains, the implementation of one-way systems and operating a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' policy for coughing and sneezing. Additional cleaners have been employed to clean the school throughout the day, and all classrooms have lidded bins, ample supplies of tissue, disinfectant spray and hand sanitiser stations. Doors and windows will be kept open for ventilation if appropriate and safe to do so. These arrangements have worked well since June and will continue.

Shared equipment is kept to a minimum and cleaned and disinfected regularly, and all children from Years 2-6 will be given a named pencil case containing all the equipment they need. Children are allowed to bring a coat, Book Bag, PE Kit and their reading books and records. Children in Years 5 and 6 who go home on their own are allowed to bring a mobile phone, which will be collected by an adult in the morning, sanitised and kept securely in the School Office until it is returned directly to the child in the afternoon. Please do not bring water bottles. Water will be provided throughout the day in named beakers at school.

All children are expected to wear school uniform daily from September. Revised guidance states that school uniform no longer needs to be washed more often than other clothing.

Attendance at school:

Unless your child is in Nursery or Reception where different arrangements apply, your child is expected to return to school on Monday 7 September, as from September attendance becomes mandatory once again. We understand that some people may still be anxious about returning their children to school. However, all clinically vulnerable groups including those extremely clinically vulnerable children and adults in the Shielding Group are able to return to work and school from 1 August 2020. Brunswick has been open to children and adults in some form since 23 March, and we have a set of well-established measures to keep children and adults as safe as possible. If your child is absent from school from September 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 to reassure you, but please be aware that non-attendance may result in further action in line with our Whole School Attendance Policy.

General Guidance:

- Children who are not well and are showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend school.
- Children who are well but are part of a household that is self-isolating must not attend school during the self-isolation period.
- If a child starts to feel unwell at school and in particular if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms they will be isolated from everyone else and we will expect them to be collected immediately and tested as a matter of urgency.
- If a child is tested for COVID-19 and the result is positive, parents must contact the school immediately as the rest of the child's consistent group may also have to self-isolate. Public Health Southwark will advise action on this.
- Stringent handwashing and hygiene practices ('Catch it, bin it, kill it!') will be in place throughout the day. Staff will also regularly clean down surfaces and door handles throughout the day in addition to normal daily cleaning.
- Although you may choose for your child to wear PPE on the way to school, the Government is not recommending its use in school by either children or staff unless a member of staff is supervising a child who has been isolated and is waiting to be collected.
- Parents must not drop off or collect children at times other than those detailed in the plan above.
- Because the number of children on site will be increasing significantly and we have to keep consistent groups separate, siblings from different classes will have to stick to their designated Year Group times.
- School will not be finishing early on Fridays from September.
- The Play Shelter After School Club will resume on Monday 7 September. The Breakfast Club will resume on Monday 14 September. Other clubs will resume when possible later in the term.
- Other than when our new Nursery and Reception children start, parents should be on site for as short a time as possible and maintain social distancing.
- We will be able to send reading books home from September and we hope that you will continue to hear your children read regularly.
- Children will have lots of opportunity to catch up on missed learning time. We will assess them early on to find out what gaps there are and then work to close them using a recovery approach. We will plan carefully for the use of the Government's catch up support package once we know how much money we are allocated.
- School will not be open at all during the summer holiday and we will not be setting work for children.
- Home Learning will stop on Monday 20 July and no work will be posted over the Summer Break.

Summer holiday provision:



This year Southwark Council has joined forces with Lambeth Council and London's largest holiday provision provider, Kitchen Social, to host an exciting summer programme of food and activities across the two boroughs called 'Lambeth and Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun'. There will be 85 programmes for children of different ages and with different interests for an inclusive and holistic programme of nutritious meals and fun activities for children and young people (0-19 years old), their families and/or carers. The programmes will be held at local hubs or delivered remotely to accommodate social distancing guidance. The programme will run for 6 weeks between the 22 July and 2 September. **Interested?** Sign up via www.summeroffoodandfun.org.uk and by contacting the hub you would like to attend. Details of hubs are in the full brochure on <https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/DBG0177-Kitchen-Social-Design-AW-Digital-Version.pdf>.

Families in receipt of Free School Meals or who have NRPF and who have been receiving Edenred Supermarket Vouchers will continue to receive them for the Summer Break.

Finally:

Thank you for persevering to the end of this letter. As before, our plans remain subject to change at short notice, in response to advice and guidance. We need you to support and accept any changes that are made, which will always be in the interests of everyone's safety and wellbeing and following national guidelines. For those children currently attending, school finishes for everyone on Monday 20 July at 2.00pm. Unless you hear otherwise, I and the entire staff look forward very much to having everyone back in school again from 7 September. In the meantime, do please look at the videos the teaching staff have made to say goodbye to this year's classes and welcome next year's, in place of meeting in person. Valiant efforts, all.

Kind regards

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