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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are enjoying the last few days of the Summer Break with your children, and we are really looking forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 7 September. I and the staff are using the rest of this week to make sure everything is ready so you can return your children to school confident that all current guidance will be followed to keep them safe. In the meantime here is some information I need to share with you, about

- **Face coverings**
- **Parents, carers and visitors on the school site**
- **Start and finish times, entrances and exits**
- **Uniform**
- **Breakfast Club**
- **Continuing Learning**

We understand that parents and carers may have some mixed feelings about schools reopening – I know that some cannot wait and that others remain anxious – but after nearly 6 months away the time is right for children's education to resume. As the Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty said on 23 August, "the chances of children dying from Covid-19 are incredibly small" - but missing lessons "damages children in the long run". Plans for full reopening in September were sent to you on 14 July and are available on the school website's Home Page. I recommend that you read them again to make sure you are familiar with them and feel prepared.

- **Face coverings:**

During the holidays, there was one piece of additional guidance issued by government that applies to primary schools, and it concerns adults using face coverings. **There is no change to the guidance on face coverings in school for children under the age of 12, which is that face coverings are not recommended to be worn. Therefore, children will still not wear masks, face shields or any other PPE during the school day.**

The change in guidance applies to adults only, so from Monday 7 September staff will wear face transparent face shields indoors in situations where they cannot maintain social distance from other adults, for example in corridors or staffrooms, and **adult visitors, including parents and carers, will need to wear a face covering if they enter any part of the school building.** Face coverings do not need to be worn outdoors in the open air, and in accordance with guidance, staff will not teach lessons wearing face coverings. Please remember that primary-aged children are not expected to maintain social distance because they are too



young, so other arrangements are put in place, such as keeping children in consistent groups and the use of additional hand and respiratory hygiene measures, as described in detail in the Full Reopening Plans.

- **Parents, carers and visitors on the school site:**

To limit the number of adults on the school premises, we ask that if your child comes to school accompanied, it is with **only one parent/carer**. Parents and carers of children in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 may come into the playground to take their children to their classrooms and lining up spots, but must maintain social distance. We ask that children in Key Stage 2 are brought to their entrance then go into school alone. This is normal practice at Brunswick and staff will be in the playground to help you and your children.

If you have a question or query that can be answered by telephone or email, please use those in the first instance. **If you must come onto the school site to speak to staff in person, you need to wear a face covering inside the building and maintain social distance at all times.**

- **Start and finish times, entrances and exits**

Time	EYFS: Nursery and Reception To classrooms	Years 1 and 2 Year 1 to classrooms Year 2 to KS1 playground running track – teachers will meet you	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
Finish	15:00	15:30	15:30	15:15

At the end of the day, please collect your children in the normal way, being mindful of social distancing. For safeguarding reasons if children are collected by an adult we must see who that adult is, so we cannot allow those children to leave the premises by themselves. **Please note the finish times and be on time to bring and collect your children. Please note also that Picton Street is closed to all traffic between 08:30-09:15 and 15:00-16:00. Barriers will be in use.**

- **Uniform:**

We expect children to have grown a lot since we last saw them, so lots of school uniform will be needed. Office staff will sell it every day next week to give you the chance to kit your children out for the forthcoming term. During this year a new sweatshirt/cardigan logo that matches our handshake will be introduced gradually as our old uniform stock runs out. Both types of sweatshirt /cardigan are current school uniform; it does not matter that for a short time there will be a small difference between them; the children wear it to be comfortable for work and play and the colour will still be purple!

- **Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast Club will restart on MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER. Due to funding cuts it is no longer possible for the school to subsidise the cost of our Breakfast Club. **Breakfast Club is now £10 per week per child, payable to the School Office in advance.** The club is charged per week, not per day, so it is £10 per week per child no matter how many times during the week the child attends, as the charge includes costs for its staff. Please contact Che Cameron, Admin Officer, via the School Office if you have any questions, and to pay in advance for Week Beginning 14 September. We have always run the Breakfast Club at a significant loss, and sadly this cannot continue.



- **Continuing Learning:**

If you have returned recently from abroad and your family is required to quarantine, please contact the School Office so home learning can be sent for your child whilst in isolation. We will do our utmost to make sure as little learning as possible is missed if periods of isolation are needed.

I apologise for the inconvenience caused by our phone lines being out of action at the moment, and assure you that BT is doing its best to repair them. In the meantime, please email any questions to office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk or use the temporary mobile number sent out to you yesterday. Thank you for your patience and co-operation, and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back on Monday. It will be different, but we will manage, and we know from experience that the children will take it in their stride.

Yours sincerely

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher

