



# Brunswick Park Primary School

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*Learning for living through respect, support and challenge*

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## TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

30 September 2020

### REMOTE LEARNING AT BRUNSWICK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

The Government Department for Education (DfE) expects all schools to have a contingency plan in place from the end of September in case of a local coronavirus outbreak. If there is a local lockdown and the school has to close for most pupils, and if a pupil or a group of pupils is required to self-isolate, remote learning arrangements will come into place. From September, the DfE's expectation is that remote learning is a well-planned and sequenced curriculum that enables pupils to build their knowledge and skills and make progress academically. To do this we will be using **Google Classroom**.

Google Classroom is a free and secure learning platform for teachers, pupils and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information. Using Google Classroom allows you and your child to have access to class work at any time and is accessible online through **any digital device with internet access, including mobile phones and tablets**. Through Google Classroom, parents and teachers can monitor the amount of work that pupils have done and ask questions about learning.

Google Classroom is as an educational tool and will be used **strictly for educational purposes**, meaning that:

- Pupils will be required to use appropriate English grammar instead of texting language;
- The site will be used to discuss school-related content only.

Your child will already have an LGFL log in (pupils have these stuck in their reading records) that they can use to log in to Google Classroom. There are two documents with this letter. One is a guide to Google Classroom for pupils and parents, showing how you and your child can log in to Google Classroom and submit completed work. The other is a Pupil Use Agreement for Google Classroom, stating the guidelines that parents and pupils are expected to read and follow. These documents are also available on the school's website under the Home Learning Tab.

In the event of a local lockdown or a group of children needing to be sent home to isolate because of a confirmed case, class teachers will upload home learning (remote learning) on Google Classroom to be ready from the first day of lockdown or isolation. Remote learning will consist of daily lessons including tasks and





activities. Google Classroom also has a class noticeboard that teachers will use to give further instructions to pupils, and children will use it to ask their teachers questions.

## Soft Launch

So we are well prepared for remote learning to begin, Google Classroom will go 'live' on Monday 5 October. Class teachers will post messages to their pupils and help pupils to sign in to their Google Classroom for the first time. You can also do this with your child at home, and we recommend you practise this with your child. Home learning packs will be uploaded to Google Classroom. If your child wants to post some of their completed work from their home learning packs, we would love to see it. However, there is no expectation for pupils to engage with learning content on Google Classroom when they are educated in school.

## Screen Time

As Google Classroom is a digital platform, the work we are providing for pupils can be accessed online, and this is the most straightforward way to do it. However, it is still possible for pupils to complete their work in exercise books. Using these might require additional printing or copying from screens, but if screen time worries you, this is a way for you to reduce it. As we are asking pupils to use high quality websites and apps through Google Classroom, screen time is expected and unavoidable, particularly for pupils higher up the school in Key Stage 2.

## What if I do not have a device to use?

We are mindful that most families at Brunswick Park access remote learning with a Smartphone. We will make sure that our remote learning can be accessed easily this way. We will provide a balance of activities that require a device with tasks that require easily accessible household resources. For those of you without reliable online connections or access to devices we will provide home learning packs available as paper copies. These packs will not be produced in large numbers and we encourage you to collect them only if you really need them.

To find out how to send completed work to your child's teacher or if you have any other questions about using Google Classroom, please refer to the attached **Parent and Pupil Guide to Google Classroom**. If you need any support accessing Google Classroom please contact me via the School Office email:

[office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk).

Thank you for your patience and co-operation, and I look forward to seeing your children's wonderful online work when the time comes.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head Teacher

