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January's Focus Value is **POSITIVITY**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2021. What a difference 10 days makes! Everything has changed once again since I last wrote the Newsletter in December, and we find ourselves locked down once again, definitely until after Half Term in February and very likely for a good while after that. Because I needed to write to you so often last week I will keep this short, as at the moment the most pressing things on parents' and carers' minds apart from trying to stay safe and well is home learning (remote education) and how to manage it. I wrote a detailed letter last week about this, which is available on the website and was emailed and sent via ParentMail, and I have included the key points from it in this Newsletter.

Our strategy for introducing remote learning to the majority of the school is this:

1. Make sure everyone can access Google Classroom or a suitable equivalent whilst establishing routines and solving technical issues;
2. Teach the children to use its features, e.g. Google Docs, the chat function and Google Meets;
3. Increase the number of opportunities children have to speak with their teachers;
4. As children become more confident and competent, widen the variety of learning opportunities offered systematically whilst promoting an age-appropriate level of independence.

By this time the system should run smoothly. Stick with it and be patient; as with all new things it will take a bit of time to learn. If you are having problems or need to discuss any aspect of remote learning, please contact the School Office. Mr Moudiotis is leading this work, and he and the teachers are both willing and happy to help. We will contact you if your child is not learning at home to find out why, as there are things we can do to support you and your children.

In this letter there is also information about lunch parcels for ALL the children in school and about getting active at home, something that is particularly important when going out is restricted. All that remains for me to say is thank you; for trying your best and for persevering when times are so tough. I had a Zoom meeting with Harriet Harman yesterday during which she asked me all about the effects of the pressures being put on schools, parents, carers and children at the moment. She will use the information to write to the Secretary of State Gavin Williamson. Let's hope he listens.

Best wishes

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher



REMOTE LEARNING FAQs

Before you read these FAQs, please remember that we are all human - teachers, parents, carers and children - and we are all trying our best.

Learning should be engaging and fun!

Try to be positive and encouraging, if there's too much to manage, focus on English and maths first and if you don't finish everything talk to your child's teacher who will help you do the bits that matter most.

WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER POSTS ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM?

DOWNLOAD THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM APP FROM YOUR APP PROVIDER

How can I access remote learning for my child?

At Brunswick remote learning is provided through Google Classroom. It can be accessed on Smartphones, tablets, laptops, chrome books, desktop PCs and X-Box and PlayStation consoles. Though desktop computers may not have a camera and microphone, children can still access the Classroom using them.

I don't have any of these devices. What can I do?

If you do not have access to any devices at all, please contact the Deputy Head Teacher Thomas Moudiotis via the School Office.

I don't have access to the Internet and I don't have enough data on my phone.

Please contact the School Office. We have a small number of free 30G data-only Vodaphone SIM cards available.

There is only one device at home and I need it for my work. What can I do?

This is tricky. Most parents in this situation are are timetabling their work around their child's learning. School can support by providing paper work packs for children to use when they cannot access your device. Please contact Thomas Moudiotis via the School Office.

There is only one device at home, but I have more than one child. How do I manage?

Again, sharing can be a challenge. School can support with paper work packs so each child can have equal access to the device you have. Please contact Thomas Moudiotis via the School Office.

For families with no or limited access to devices or the Internet, the BBC has just announced that from Monday 11 January it is making lots of extra educational content available to help you keep up with learning during lockdown. CBBC, BBC Two, BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button will all be offering content for pupils including daily lessons which will be made available online too. From Monday 11 January the CBBC channel will have a three-hour block of primary school programmes from 9.00am. This will include programmes from BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch.

I have an old device at home that nobody uses. Can I donate it to the school?

No. Instead, please donate it to the BBC's Make a Difference Give a Laptop campaign. There is more information about this on

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5SqHJMTKZx5sYhlltXJvB1Q/give-a-laptop>

I've mislaid/forgotten my child's passwords and login details. How can I get them back?

Please contact the School Office where staff will be able to help you.

My child finds it difficult to concentrate at home.

If you can, break tasks up into smaller chunks and allow for regular breaks. Give small targets followed by praise, e.g. 'In 5 minutes I think you can' Leave them for 5 minutes whilst they work on their own, then praise them for their efforts. It is hard for children to learn in a place where they usually play or relax, and it will take them time to adjust to learning at home. Praise them when they get it right; try to ignore it when they don't.

Why isn't my child's teacher teaching lessons every day on Zoom or Teams?

The government's expectation is that we provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos. This means variety: paper copies of resources, Google Docs, presentations, videos and messaging as well as direct teaching. Children should not sit in front of screens for long periods of time as it is bad for them. They should do plenty of activities that use different skills, including reading and listening. We make sure there are regular opportunities for you and your children to engage with teachers directly via Google Classroom.

My child has SEND and finds using Google Classroom difficult. Can s/he use something else?

We offer paper work packs of home learning as an alternative to Google Classroom. If you feel your child needs one, please contact Caroline Campion via the School Office, who will help you.

Because children must be taught the curriculum, Brunswick has made timetables for the children to follow that provide their core teaching and a variety of other learning. Do they have to stick exactly to their timetable?

No. The timetables are a guide, and reflect what happens during the school day. If you have to switch things around to fit your circumstances, that's fine. You can work flexibly around your commitments and when your child is ready to learn. If you do not get through everything on the timetable every day, talk to your child's teacher during the Google Classroom Meetings, and remember the government's minimum expectation of 3 hours per day on average (less for EYFS; more for KS2). If you have concerns, let us know and we will do our best to help you.

SCHOOL TIMES DURING PARTIAL CLOSURE:

Nursery: 9.00 - 12.00

Reception: 9.00 - 3.00

Years 1-6: 8.45 - 3.15



NEW YEAR BINGO

START 2021 WITH THE DAILY MILE BINGO

Do The Daily Mile — 15 minutes of walking, jogging or running from front door to front door.

Start 2021 with The Daily Mile and keep your children happy and healthy. See how many boxes you can tick off on the Bingo sheet and download a certificate for your children to keep. Good luck!

<p>Do The Daily Mile — nice and easy!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do 10 Daily Miles</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile three days in a row</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Count how many laps you do on your Daily Mile</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Do the Daily Mile on a Monday</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile in the afternoon</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile in the morning</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sprint to finish your Daily Mile — run like Bolt!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Have a chat</p> <p>Find out something new about your running buddy</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Run a different route</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do your Daily Mile without stopping — jog or run the whole time</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Beat your lap record again</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Beat your lap record — you can do it!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Do the Daily Mile on a Friday</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Beat your lap record — one last time!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile five days in a row</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

How many can you tick off?

Four corners

Four in a row

Full house!



Get active at home with The London PE and School Sport Network's brilliant live PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons!

LIVE PE LESSONS

The PE and School Sports Network are pleased to announce that we will be streaming LIVE PE lessons every **Tuesday** until the half term break commencing on the 12th January from 1.30 till 2.15pm.

Lessons will be **LIVE** on Microsoft Teams, Twitter and Instagram

The first lesson will focus on individual, fundamental skills using a tennis/sponge ball. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

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Inspiring a generation through sport

What do I do if my child is going to school and becomes 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.

Lunch Parcels

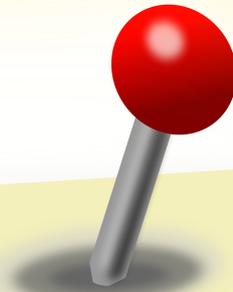
At Brunswick, a parcel like this is available
EVERY WEEK for **EVERY CHILD**.



If you are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals or have NRPF, please collect a parcel for each of your children on **THURSDAYS** between **11.30am and 3.30pm**.

Parcels are available for **EVERYONE** on **FRIDAYS** between **11.30am and 3.30pm**.
PLEASE COME AND GET THEM!

Reminders



Face Coverings

Staff at the school gates wear face coverings at the beginning and end of the day as they come into contact with lots of adults. Parents and Carers do not need to wear face coverings on the playground; they must wear them inside the school building. Face coverings must cover the mouth and nose at all times.

Reception Transfer 2021

If you have a child who will turn 4 before 31 August 2021, *you need to apply for a place in Reception by 15 January 2021.*

- Visit the schools you wish to apply for.
- Complete the online application form.
- You need to do this even if you have a child who comes to our Nursery.
- If you need help with the application form, please speak to Anna in the Nursery.
- If your child has an EHCP and you are interested in a place in the Resource Base, please speak to Susanna Renwick, our SENDCo.

If you have any questions, speak to Anna or any member of the EYFS team.

DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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 over your nose and mouth inside the school building;

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

IF YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL ONE ADULT PER FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO COME INTO THE PLAYGROUND TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.

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



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 information and all letters and communications, and our updated Safeguarding Policy in light of the Coronavirus Restrictions.

Right to Reply:

12/1/21: 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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