

Brunswick Park Primary School

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Brunswick Park
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

March's Focus Value is **PATIENCE**

Today it is exactly a year on from the last 'normal' Friday schools experienced before the first Lockdown. On Friday 20 March 2020 we knew that schools would close and that we would be confined to our homes in an attempt to keep COVID-19 under control. But nobody knew for how long. At that time there was some optimism; maybe it would be over by the Summer? September? That optimism seems naïve now, as restrictions following a third lockdown are only now being very cautiously lifted, but this time there is the vaccine, the best cause for hope so far that 'normality' is not far away. Although staff working in schools have not been prioritised, a steadily increasing number at Brunswick have had their first jab, and the reassurance they feel as a result has come at just the right time as children come back.

They have settled in incredibly well. We have changed as little as possible for the children since the Autumn Term to help them re-establish routines, including making sure that Miss Rock in Year 5 and Mrs Russell-Burke in Year 4 are still teaching their classes every day via Google Classroom. It's been great to see everyone's faces once again and how much children have grown, to hear a proper buzz from the playgrounds and see so much enthusiastic learning going on. I am sure that after such a challenging term so far that you would welcome the opportunity to talk to your children's teachers about their learning, progress and wellbeing, and remind you that there are **Zoom Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 24 March and Thursday 25 March**. You need to book timeslots beforehand using EventBrite. Instructions have already been sent by emailed letter and are on the school website. If you do not book a slot you will not be able to access the Parents' Evenings, as teachers are only able to meet parents with booked appointments. If you have difficulty using EventBrite, please see the School Office Staff who will help you.

In this letter there is news of our Science Day last week, organised by the brilliant Ms Dina Achilleos. It was a great success, encouraging children's thinking and learning practically after such a long time staring at screens. Another success is guitar lessons with Joe Thorp that started on Wednesday 17 March, for which I am delighted so many children have signed up. They are really excited to have the opportunity to try something new.

School breaks up for the Spring/Easter Holiday on Wednesday 31 March. The children have just over a fortnight off, and with the weather hopefully improving, there are details in this letter of the London Wildlife Trust's Easter Holiday activities, all of which take place in the open air, which at the Trust's Centres is relatively fresh and clean. In Camberwell sadly it is not, and the Mayor of London is running a campaign to encourage drivers to turn their engines off every time they stop to protect children's lungs from pollution. More details below.

Finally, as the Government is not funding directly Free School Meal provision during the Easter Break, Southwark Council is, from its Winter Grant Scheme. This is great news; families in receipt of benefits-related FSM or who have NRPF will receive £36 per eligible child on 31 March in the form of e-vouchers from Wonde. Southwark Council is also providing the same funding for all the borough's remaining primary aged children whose families request it, so if you are not entitled to benefits-related FSM or have NRPF and would like £36 for each of your children over Easter, **please let us know before Wednesday 24 March**. This actually *is* free money, with no scam, which for once isn't too good to be true; do please take up the offer.

With best wishes for a safe and healthy fortnight ahead

Susannah Bellingham, Head Teacher





As you know, here at Brunswick Park we celebrated British Science Week with our very own Science Day on Friday 12 March!

The children were very busy with different scientific investigations and interactive live sessions from Nursery to Year 6. EYFS and Key Stage 1 took part in Online Science Storytime sessions, explored and re-enacted animal movements while playing 'Animal Tag', as well as taking part in their very own Live Animal Meet and Greet session. Later on they created bird feeders from scratch; some even came up with innovative designs of what bird feeders in the future might look like! I'm sure you'll be pleasantly intrigued by their ideas.

In Key Stage 2 there were lots and lots going on, from creating a shadow puppet theatre in Year 3 to investigate Light, to Sound and Egg shell investigations in Year 4, moving on to changes in materials in Year 5 - including making their own slime - as well as observing different chemical reactions, and finally creating their very own Circulatory System model in Year 6.

KS2 also got to take part in a live STEM-based activity where the children completed some cross-curricular learning, and all it took were some bits of A4 paper, Sellotape and a stack of books: the children got to investigate how shapes of columns affect how strong a structure will be!

STEM-based learning combines Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to encourage children to develop a greater understanding of and enthusiasm for the world around them, while opening them up to amazing opportunities.

In this week's Newsletter we've also included information on the wonderful STEMAZING Kid's Club where you can access live online sessions, just like the one we did in school, that only require very simple and easily accessible resources.

Visit www.stemazingltd.com/stemazingkids for more information! Please do check it out, as judging by how well our children did on Science Day, we definitely have some brilliant Scientists in the making!

Enough of me telling you about it though, how about we show you.....



GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF CURIOSITY



Join our STEMAZINGKids online club!
Visit www.stemazingltd.com/stemazingkids
for more information.



STEM is the combination of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths. Our STEMAZING mission is to ignite inspiration and amplify inclusion in STEM by engaging young people with simple, fun STEM activities delivered by one of our STEMAZINGWomen role models.



Exciting new experiments every week! Using materials you have at home and simple step by step demonstrations so your kids can follow along.

Watch them create their own STEM masterpieces whilst exploring science and engineering principles in a fun way!

INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS TO THINK BIG



- Fun, simple science & engineering experiments live every week.
- Aimed at ages 5-9 yrs with adult supervision.
- Resources required are simple materials usually found at home.
- Materials list sent in advance.
- Completion certificate for every child.
- I AM STEM AZING sticker prizes for best STEM photo each week.
- Only £3.50 per household per session.
- Optional extra for STEM materials pack to be sent to you (£6 for the first child's pack per session and £3 per additional child per session).



Join our **LIVE**
Online STEM Clubs
Tuesdays or Thursdays
4:30-5pm GMT

Book online at
www.stemazingltd.com/book-online
or contact stemazingkids@gmail.com

"Curious. Creative. Courageous.

That's what we want our StemazingKids to embrace.

Kids have a natural wonderment for the world which we need to encourage! Watch them flourish through STEM."

Alexandra Knight,
Founder of StemazingKids CIC



For more information visit
www.stemazingltd.com/stemazingkids
and follow us @stemazingltd

Engine Off Every Stop



We are lucky that at the busiest times of day, Picton Street is closed to traffic to assist social distancing and reduce pollution. Please look out for this campaign, and if you are a driver, get into the habit of Engine off every stop.

Free Family Learning Courses

The London Wildlife Trust are excited to be able to offer 4 free family learning courses over the Easter holidays for Southwark families with children of any age. All the details can be found here:

[https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events?](https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events?category=All&tags=1076&suitable_for=All&local_group=&date_from=&date_to=&location=&type=&location_term=)

[category=All&tags=1076&suitable_for=All&local_group=&date_from=&date_to=&location=&type=&location_term=](https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events?category=All&tags=1076&suitable_for=All&local_group=&date_from=&date_to=&location=&type=&location_term=)



Beautiful Birds

Monday 12 April 2021 - Tuesday 13 April 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

Two days of fun for families in our lovely wildlife garden learning about garden birds.

Courses & Education

Family learning Southwark



Step into Spring

Tuesday 6 April 2021 - Wednesday 7 April 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

Immerse yourself in spring in our lovely wildlife garden. A day for families living in Southwark only.

Outdoor Activity

Family learning Southwark



Natural Gardeners

Monday 26 July 2021 - Tuesday 27 July 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

A couple of summery days to spend with your children in our fabulous wildlife garden learning how to garden to benefit wildlife.

Courses & Education

Family learning Southwark



London Wildlife Trust



Minibeast Magic

Saturday 17 April 2021 - Sunday 18 April 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

A two day course for Southwark residents and their children discovering the minibeasts that live in our lovely wildlife garden.

Courses & Education

Family learning Southwark



Wonderful Woodlands

Saturday 3 April 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

A fun day out in the wood for families who are Southwark residents learning about the trees, animals and history of the wood.

Courses & Education

Family learning Southwark



Nature Mix

Saturday 5 June 2021 - Sunday 6 June 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm

A free course for families who are Southwark residents discovering edible and medicinal plants in our lovely wildlife garden.

Courses & Education

Family learning Southwark

e-vouchers to spend on food over the Easter Holiday

Southwark Council will fund the provision of Free School Meals to **all** nursery and primary aged children for **12 days** between 1 and 16 April. Those families who are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals or who have NRPF will receive online supermarket vouchers automatically as usual, but they will come via Wonde instead of Edenred.

For all remaining families, Southwark Council will fund the cost of 12 lunches for nursery and primary aged children through its Free Healthy School and Nursery Meals (FHSNM) initiative, also through online supermarket vouchers distributed via Wonde. **These families must request them.** The vouchers will come in the form of an email and SMS via Wonde to spend in selected supermarkets. **All vouchers are for £36 per eligible child.**

Those who received vouchers via Edenred do not need to do anything. You will receive your vouchers via Wonde on Wednesday 31 March.

If your child/ren are not entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals and you would like to receive £36 per eligible child to spend on healthy lunches over the Easter holiday, please complete the form entitled: **FHSNM Vouchers for Easter Holiday 2021** via ParentMail. This can be found in the **Forms** section of your ParentMail account and will be sent following this letter. **Responses can only be made via ParentMail.** All families have an active ParentMail account, but should you have any difficulty please contact the School Office as soon as possible. The form has a deadline and will not allow responses after **WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH at 09:00AM.** The School Office will also be unable to accept responses after this time. Please act quickly to take up this generous offer.



Activity programme for
children & young people

1 April – 16 April 2021

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

Funded by



Department
for Education

Contact our providers to sign up!

BEDE HOUSE ASSOCIATION

- Ages: 8 - 18
- Bede Centre, Abbeyfield Rd, SE16 2BS
- 020 7237 3881
- foikulmeah@bedehouse.org

BERMONDSEY & ROTHERHITHE CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

- Ages: 0 - 8
- Southwark Park, Hawkstone Rd, SE16 2PE
- 020 7525 2017
- ccadmin@pplgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

BRANDON TRA

- Ages: 8 - 16
- Rachel Leigh Community Hall, 32 Andrews Walk, SE17 3JQ
- 07523 943 819
- b2socialclub@gmail.com

BURGESS SPORTS

- Ages: 5 - 16
- Walworth Academy, Shorncliffe Rd, SE1 5UJ
- 07458 302 333
- info@burgesssports.org
- www.burgesssports.org/our-programmes/multi-sport-camps/

CAMBERWELL & DULWICH CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

- Ages: 0 - 8
- Dulwich Wood Children's Centre, Lyall Ave, SE21 8QS
- 020 7525 2017
- cdcfcoffices@dulwichwood.com

CAMELOT SCHOOL'S CHAMPS

- Ages: 5 - 11
- Camelot School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- 07931 616 456
- iall@camelot.southwark.sch.uk

CENTRAL SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages: 5 - 16. Remote sessions with lunches & activity packs delivered/picked up
- holidayclub.csch@gmail.com
- 020 7703 1653
- https://www.cschub.co.uk/what-we-do

FAST 58/LEATHERMARKET

- Ages: 5 - 16
- 26 Leathermarket St, Bermondsey, SE1 3HN
- 020 7450 8021
- residentservices@leathermarketmb.org.uk

KINGSWOOD ESTATE T.R.A

- Ages: 5 - 16
- Ketra Community Hall, Telfer House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW
- 07852 986 086
- ketracommunity@gmail.com
- Twitter: @ketracommunity

MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST

- Ages: 5 - 16
- Site 1: Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD
Site 2: St Paul's Sports Ground, Salter Rd, Rotherhithe SE16 5EF
- 07903 245 058
- dpalmer@millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS 2 GO WITH LITTLE PEOPLE'S WORLD

- Ages: 0 - 16. Remote sessions with lunches & activity packs delivered/picked up
- Site 1: Lewington Community Centre, SE16 2RU
Site 2: 59b Denmark Hill, SE5 8RS
Site 3: Salvation Army Nunhead, SE15 3RT
- 07725 818 283
- Pamela.simpson@ParentsSkills2go.com
- www.ParentSkills2go.com

PECKHAM RYE & NUNHEAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

- Ages: 5 - 11
- Ivydale Primary School, 1 Bellwood Rd, SE15 3BU
- 020 3848 5780
- aingrassia@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk

PRO TOUCH SA

- Ages: 6 - 15
- Burgess Park Community Sports Centre, Cobourg Rd, London, SE5 0JD
- 07856 461 040
- info@protouchsa.co.uk

SKYWAY

- Oliver Goldsmith School, 83 Peckham Rd, London, SE5 8UH
- 0207 729 6970
- fiona@skyway.uk.com

ST KATHARINE WITH ST BARTOLOMEW

- Ages: 5 - 16
- 156 Eugenia Rd, SE16 2RA
- 020 7237 4674
- stkatharinewithstbartholomew@yahoo.com

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CAMBERWELL

- Ages: 5 - 11
- The Trinity College Centre, Newent Close, SE15 6EF
- 07952 499 176
- churchwarden@stgeorgescamberwell.church

TIME & TALENTS

- Ages: 6 - 11
- T&T2, Surrey Quays Shopping Centre (opposite the Tesco), Redriff Rd, SE16 7LL
- 020 7232 7845
- PhoebeGrudzinskas@timeandtalents.org.uk

WESTMINSTER HOUSE YOUTH CLUB

- Ages: 8 - 16
- 29 Nunhead Grove, SE15 3LZ
- 020 7639 5879

See the listings to choose the best club for your child. Please book a place with your chosen provider as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Safeguarding our mental health and wellbeing



It's OK to not feel OK

Feeling worried or stressed is normal during challenging times. However, it is really important that we take care of our mental health and wellbeing as much as possible. This is a pack of little things you can do to keep yourself well and some useful ways to get support if you are finding it hard. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

> Be kind to yourself, find time to do something you enjoy.



> Connect with others, by phone, text, social media, write a letter or smile at your neighbours.



> Find different ways of staying active.



> Support is available to help you manage debt and money worries.



> Help is available if you are in personal difficulty or experiencing low income.



> Help is available if you are not OK.



Thrive LDN is a partnership between London's NHS, public services, the Mayor of London, councils, and charities to promote better mental health for everyone. We need to think and talk more about mental health and wellbeing in our neighbourhoods, our family and friendship groups and at work.

Find more Thrive LDN resources online:
www.thriveLDN.co.uk/resources
 @ThriveLDN

Scan me if you have a smart phone



It's OK to treat yourself to the things that make you smile and make you feel good.

Don't be hard on yourself. Make yourself a hot drink, watch a film, read a book, or try a crossword.

You may want to limit your intake of daily news as too much coverage can be overwhelming and make you stressed.

If you are online, visit www.good-thinking.uk for free, NHS approved digital tools to help manage anxiety, low mood, sleeping problems and stress.

Many of us are seeing family and friends less and not taking part in many of our usual activities.

It's important that we stay connected. Get in touch with family and friends to share your thoughts and have a chat.

If talking to a friendly stranger is easier, you can call Samaritans on 116 123 – a free helpline for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you.

If you're online, the NHS website always has the latest information to keep you up to date at nhs.uk/coronavirus

Being active reduces stress and helps us sleep better.

If you have access to a garden or park, then get some fresh air, go for at least a 20-minute walk or a run.

If getting out and moving around is not easy or possible for you, keep moving about indoors as often or as much as you can.

Having an exercise routine which you can do at home or locally outdoors is really important and will help give a positive influence on our self-esteem and self-worth.

If you are worried about money or need free, impartial advice, there is support available.

Debt Free London:
 0800 808 5700
 Call or WhatsApp message for assistance on a wide range of issues, including council tax, rent arrears, utility bills and benefit overpayments.

Christians Against Poverty:
 0800 328 0006
 Advice on budgeting and debt support, regardless of your faith or background.

If you find yourself in urgent financial or personal need, there is support and information available for you.

Turn2us: 0808 802 2000
 Advice with accessing crisis grants, benefits, debt, housing, and legal issues

Shelter: 0808 800 4444 (free helpline) or 0344 515 1540 (London helpline, charges may apply) Advice after a sudden drop in income, including housing and household bills

The Trussell Trust: 0808 208 2138
 Advice when facing financial difficulties, as well as helping you find your local foodbank for an emergency food parcel

Things can feel very hard at times. Support is available for whatever you are going through, there is hope and you are not alone.

These helplines are free and confidential:

Samaritans: 116 123
 Whatever problems you are facing Samaritans are there to listen
SHOUT: Text Shout to 85258
 Text service for support with any mental health concern (it will not show up on your bill)

CRUSE: 0808 808 1677
 Support and advice if you are grieving or dealing with bereavement and loss of a loved one

Resources and advice that can help



NURSERY

From September 2021 we are delighted to be offering full time places as well as part time places in our Nursery.

Nursery children receive a free lunch/snack and, for a fee, can use the breakfast club and after school club facilities.

If you qualify for 30 hours' free childcare, your child will be able to have a full time place, subject to availability. If you qualify for 15 hours' free childcare, you will be able to choose morning or afternoon sessions for your child, or a combination of both.

Please contact the School Office to find out more and request an application form.

Getting involved with gardening



You may know that the school has an on site vegetable garden as well as space at the local allotments on Caspian Street.

This year, we are looking for families who'd like to get involved with the whole growing process from after Easter, right through to the harvest in mid September/early October.

If your children and you would like get stuck in, find out more from our TA Jonny White by emailing him directly on jwhite33.210@lgflmail.org



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 the mouth and nose everywhere on school premises;

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. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.

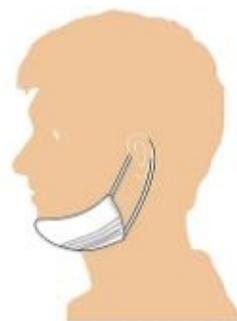
DOs AND DON'Ts OF WEARING A MASK



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Please do not take offence if you are asked to adjust your face covering. Current guidance recommends adults use them correctly to protect others.

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.**

**PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS WEAR FACE
COVERINGS EVERYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**



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 and our caterer's serving policy, we need 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.

W/B Monday 22 March, 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.

The week after it will swap over:

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

In the Nursery, children have a daily mid-morning snack. Reception children and Resource Based pupils have a hot lunch in the Dining Hall every day.

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.

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 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:

19/3/21: Please email the address below to give us constructive suggestions or comments, including your name and your child's class.

Thank you.

office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk