



# Brunswick Park Primary School

## FAQs about full school reopening from 8 March 2021

Please find below a list of frequently asked questions from parents and carers. We hope you find them useful, and will continue to add to and amend them following the latest Government/DfE guidance.

### Day-to-day operations:

#### Should my child attend school?

School attendance is mandatory. It is the expectation that all children of school age should attend school. Current guidance states that parents will be sanctioned for non-attendance. We will work closely with parents and carers to ensure all children feel happy and safe. We will also provide pastoral support and the support of other agencies where appropriate. If you feel unsure about returning your child to school please contact School Office staff who will direct you to members of staff who can help, and/or visit <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/resources-for-parents-and-carers/back-to-school-during-covid-19>.

#### Does my child need to wear school uniform?

Yes. Children should wear full school uniform each day. It should be washed as frequently as other clothing. Please make sure your child has a school jumper or cardigan to wear indoors as rooms are ventilated, and a coat to wear outside. All clothing worn at school should be named; a Sharpie is good for this.

#### What are the drop off and collection arrangements at school?

Time	EFYS: 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	15:15	15:30	15:30	15:15

#### No more than one parent/carer from the household should bring the child/ren to school.

The school operates staggered start/finish times. The school is unable to allow siblings or children with childminders to be collected early or late. We are unable to accommodate pupils leaving earlier or later, as this would pose additional risk, logistical difficulties with increased numbers, would affect curriculum delivery. All children should be collected at their allocated time from their collection point. Once children have been dropped off/collected, parents/carers should exit the school grounds immediately. This system, along with the timings, will be reviewed regularly.

Separate arrangements and times are in place for children who arrive by assisted transport.

Children who have been informed to self-isolate must not attend school to drop off/collect their siblings.

#### Will my child lose learning time due to staggered drop off/collections?

No. The children will not lose learning time; the timetables have been adjusted to reflect staggered starts and finishes. The full curriculum entitlement is being taught.

#### Will face coverings be worn by staff/parents/carers/children?

From 8 March until 31 March when Government guidance is due for review, staff will wear face coverings over the nose and mouth in communal areas and corridors where it is difficult to maintain social distance from other adults. They will not wear them in classrooms or teaching spaces when teaching children, unless there is a medical reason. Some staff will also wear visors. This means staff will wear face coverings when they collect children from the playground at the beginning of the day and when they bring the children outside to be collected at the end of the day. Staff will wear face coverings when dealing with parents, carers and visitors both inside and outside the building.

**Parents, carers and visitors are required to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth in all areas of the school premises, including outside.** If parents, carers and visitors arrive without a face covering, they will be asked to wait

outside the school premises on Bantry Street until a member of staff is able to bring one out. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, written evidence of the exemption must be provided.

Children will not wear face coverings anywhere on the school premises. Staff, parents and carers are not expected to maintain social distance from children. New variants of the virus have increased transmissibility between adults.

**Will Social Distancing measures be in place at school?**

We have put in place a range of protective measures and worked alongside the Local Authority and unions to risk assess and review these measures. The school's detailed risk assessment is available on the school website. Our key overriding principles are of safety and risk mitigation.

**Can I come to the school office?**

Yes. You must wear a face covering over your nose and mouth at all times. School Office staff speaking to you through the window will do the same.

**How can I communicate with my child's class teacher?**

You can telephone the School Office on 020 7525 9033, email the School Office on [office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@brunswickpark.southwark.sch.uk), speak to a member of the Leadership Team at the School Gates at the beginning and end of the School Day, or if your child is learning from home, use Google Classroom. If your child's teacher is not available at the time you call, a message will be taken for the teacher. Staff will do their best to respond as promptly as they can.

**What are the school's plans to support pupils travelling to school?**

We continue to work with the Local Authority and Southwark Council to promote pupils' safe and sustainable journeys to and from home. Picton Street is closed to all traffic twice per day to encourage social distancing at busier school times. Please be aware Council cameras now monitor this. Parents, carers and pupils are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school if possible.



**Are breakfast and after school clubs available?**

The Breakfast Club and the Play Shelter After School Club will resume on Monday 8 March. Please contact the School Office for more information and to pay for Breakfast Club in advance. After school sports clubs will also resume from Monday 8 March and can be booked through [www.bookwhen.com/brunswick](http://www.bookwhen.com/brunswick). If you have difficulties booking, please contact the School Office to be directed to Andrew Payne, or see him in the playground from 8 March.

**What are the lunchtime arrangements?**

<b>Lunch in the Dining Hall</b>	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:30 Year 1	12:30 – 13:00 Year 3	13:00 – 13:30 Year 5
<b>Packed lunches in classrooms: alternate weeks in Years 1-6</b>		12:00 – 12:30 Year 2	12:30 – 13:00 Year 4	13:00 – 13:30 Year 6

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 and the Caterer's COVID-19 serving policy. Nursery children will have a daily mid-morning snack. Reception and Resource Based 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 free and provided by the school.

**What are the break time arrangements?**

<b>Break</b>	EYFS does not have a designated break time	Years 1 and 2: 10:15 – 10:30 KS1 Playground	Years 3 and 4 10:30 – 10:45 KS2 Playground	Years 5 and 6 11:15 – 11:30 KS2 Playground
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Children will have staggered supervised break times. Children cannot bring toys to play with into school, as these could spread infection. Children will play in their consistent groups. Play equipment will be available and cleaned after use. We will continue to follow Government guidance and review.

<b>How will my child access the toilets?</b>
Children will have access to the toilets as usual, but if in a group will go in staggered order. They will need to wash/sanitise their hands as they leave their classroom and then wash their hands as they would normally do when leaving the toilets. Where practical, an adult will oversee younger children; however, as an extra precaution all children/adults will be asked to use hand sanitiser as they re-enter classrooms.
<b>What are the routines for hand washing and sanitising?</b>
Regular hand washing and sanitising take place throughout the school day. Children and adults will wash/sanitise their hands as they enter school, before and after breaks, at lunchtimes and before they leave at the end of the day, as well as when they go to the toilet. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the school, at entrance gates and in the dining hall.
<b>What should my child bring to school?</b>
All equipment children need at school is provided. Older children keep theirs in a personal ziplock bag containing all the stationery items they need. This bag remains in their classroom. Any shared resources are cleaned regularly. Reading books go home as usual. To minimise the spread of infection please do not give your child a water bottle unless there is an evidenced medical reason for so doing. Children need only themselves, their book bags or other bag for their reading book and record and their PE kit. Children in Years 5 and 6 can bring mobile phones if they come to school by themselves. All mobile phones are collected at the beginning of the day, sanitised and returned to the children before they go home.
<b>Snack times</b>
All children receive a free piece of fruit daily. No other snacks are permitted.
<b>Class Celebration of birthdays</b>
At this time please do not bring any food or party bags in to celebrate a birthday. Thank you for your support with this.
<b>What are the behaviour expectations at BPPS?</b>
We expect children to continue to behave with care, kindness and consideration towards everyone in the school community. The school's Behaviour Policy with a section to cover specific expectations under COVID-19 restrictions is available on the school website <a href="http://www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk">www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk</a> and has been shared with pupils.
<b>Curriculum and assessment arrangements:</b>
<b>How will the school manage curriculum expectations?</b>
The curriculum will remain broad and balanced, informed by regular formative assessment. To compensate for disrupted learning time teachers will focus initially on basic skills and reading including phonics to close gaps whilst teaching the full curriculum. Pastoral support will be provided through a recovery approach focusing on rebuilding and re-establishing friendships and relationships and on social engagement. We will address and equip pupils to respond to the issues linked to COVID-19 and will support pupils with approaches to improve their physical and mental well-being.
<b>How will the school manage physical activity in schools?</b>
Sport and physical activity will be provided whilst following systems of control in accordance with latest Government Guidance (Guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation). Pupils will be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and contact sports will be avoided. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible.
<b>Will there be any trips this year (including residential trips for Years 5 &amp; 6)?</b>
Currently the DfE advises against all domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits. Whilst this advice remains under review, we are unable to book trips at the present time due to insurance restrictions. There are no educational visits booked at this time. This will be reviewed.
<b>What are the assessment arrangements for this year?</b>
Children will be assessed when they return to school through formative assessment, for example, looking at their bookwork, discussing work with teachers, brief quizzes or tests e.g. spelling and times tables, and the usual end of unit assessments that teachers carry out. Children who would benefit from additional intervention programmes or work to get them back to their age-related expectations will be identified quickly. National SATs have been suspended for 2020/21. A range of assessments will be used in the Summer Term to inform parents and carers in the End of Year Report and consultation meetings.
<b>Specific COVID-19 arrangements and Health and Safety:</b>
<b>What will happen if a child has to self-isolate, a class has to self-isolate or the school goes into National or local lock down (remote learning)?</b>

Home learning will resume as soon as possible and at the latest from the day after a period of isolation begins, as per the school's Contingency Plan, for individuals and classes via Google Classroom and or in hard copy upon request.

#### **What if my child feels unwell or is displaying COVID-19 symptoms?**

In order to reduce the risk of the infection spreading, you must not send children to school if they are unwell and they must not come to school if any member of the household has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

If anyone in the 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 will be sent home and told to follow 'stay at home' guidance for households with possible confirmed COVID-19 infection (Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection), which sets out they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and they should arrange to have a COVID test <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. Other members of their household, including any siblings, should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. PPE will be worn by staff caring for a symptomatic child waiting to be collected if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.

#### **How will the school engage with the NHS Test and Trace Process?**

BPPS will ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- Book a test if they are displaying symptoms and provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with;  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>
- Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops COVID-19. Tests can be booked online through the NHS test and tracing for coronavirus website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/> or ordered via NHS119 by telephone.

BPPS has been provided with a small number home testing kits that can be given directly to parents collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where providing one will increase significantly the likelihood of them getting tested. Advice is provided with these kits. Parents, carers and staff must inform school immediately of the results of their tests.

- If a person tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID-19, they can stop self-isolating and other members of their household can stop self-isolating;
- If a person tests positive, they should follow the stay-at-home guidance and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of the symptoms, returning to school only if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 10 days.

#### **How will school manage confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school community?**

BPPS will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for COVID-19. The school will follow the latest guidance, including contacting the local Public Health England protection team. The team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive attended the school, as identified by NHS Test and Trace. BPPS will follow the NHS COVID-19 early outbreak management guidance and will work closely with Public Health England to guide it through the necessary actions, including actions regarding close contacts and control measures.

#### **Will children have their temperature checked when they arrive at school?**

No. There are no plans to take temperature on arrival at school. We have been advised that a high temperature is just one of many symptoms, and it may not be present even if a child/adult has tested positive for COVID-19.

#### **What should I do if my child is shielding or self-isolating?**

If your child is shielding (CEV) or self-isolating work will be set by his/her teacher to complete remotely. We are already aware of our CEV pupils. Please let the School Office know if your child needs to self-isolate so the necessary arrangements can be put in place quickly.

#### **What systems of control measures will be in place at BPPS?**

Schools must comply with Health and Safety Law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place appropriate control measures. Risks have been identified using the following systems of control:  
Requirement of people who are ill to stay at home; robust hand and respiratory hygiene; enhanced cleaning arrangements; active engagement with Test and Trace; consideration of how to reduce contact and maximise distancing. BPPS will ensure that controls are effective, working as planned and updated in relation to public health advice. Control measures will be reviewed regularly.