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TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

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Dear Parents and Carers

With just 3 days to go before the school reopens to all of the children, I am writing to you with a summary of the arrangements that will be in place from Monday 8 March. They were sent in detail last week; this letter is a handy reminder.

- **Face coverings**

All parents, carers and visitors must wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in every part of the school premises including outside. New virus variants are more transmissible between adults. Please do not be offended if staff ask you to put your face covering over your nose. When worn correctly, face coverings limit droplets from the nose and mouth that might carry the COVID-19 virus. School staff will wear face coverings over the nose and mouth in all communal areas of the school including outside. They will not wear them in classrooms or working with children. School Office staff will wear a face covering at the office window. **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 anywhere in school premises during the school day.**

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

	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	15:15 Nursery finish at 12:00	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 are in use and Council cameras police them.**



- **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 and wear a face covering. 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 from the entrance gate and maintain social distance at all times.**

- **Uniform**

Children should wear school uniform. We expect them to have grown since we last saw them, so we know 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.

- **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

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. 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.

- **Continuing Learning**

When children return the curriculum will focus on closing learning gaps and improving basic skills whilst being broad and balanced. Music and PE will continue to be taught. Trips and visits remain suspended until guidance is reviewed. If your child needs to self-isolate, please contact the School Office as quickly as possible to organise remote learning.

- **Controlling the spread of COVID-19**

All infection control measures – additional handwashing/sanitising, ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’, additional cleaning, social distancing between adults, maintaining consistent groups – will continue.

In addition to this reminder, there is a list of detailed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sent with this letter and on the school website, and I hope you have been provided with all the information you need to be confident to return your child to school. Some members of staff at school have received shielding letters recently so are now working from home. Where this applies to your child, you will be contacted by emailed letter tomorrow.

Finally, thank you for your patience, support and co-operation throughout this period of lockdown. Whilst it has been difficult and disruptive, it has taught us a huge amount about how learning can be offered to children both at home and at school which is of great value in the future. Despite this, we *really* look forward to welcoming you and your children back on Monday! See you then, and if you are an adult, please wear a face covering.

Yours sincerely



Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher