



# Brunswick Park Primary School

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**To All Parents and Carers**

26 January 2022

## **LIFTING PLAN B COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FROM 27 JANUARY – CHANGES AT BRUNSWICK PARK**

Dear Parents and Carers

Government guidance on the management of the COVID-19 pandemic changes tomorrow with the lifting of Plan B restrictions in England. As a result, there will be some changes in school in how we will continue to mitigate the spread of the virus whilst providing continuity of education for the children.

### **From tomorrow, we will keep:**

- Our one-way system at the school gates. This is not as a direct result of mitigating the spread of COVID-19; we have discovered it makes it easier and more efficient for people to enter and exit the premises;
- A limited number of adult visitors at large gatherings until Half Term. School tours, appointments, visits to lessons and coffee afternoons will continue as normal. Adult visitors to sharing assemblies will be invited after Half Term if case numbers remain low. Until then, Sharing Assemblies will be filmed and uploaded to Google Classroom;
- Regular handwashing/sanitising throughout the school day;
- Rooms and spaces well ventilated. The Department for Education has supplied the school with some air purifiers to help with this.

### **And these will change:**

- Face coverings for staff in corridors and communal areas and corridors and adult visitors to the school will be optional;
- Hand sanitiser will no longer be offered by staff at the school gates. Sanitiser will remain available in dispensers in classrooms, communal areas and playgrounds.

Although falling gradually, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Southwark remains high, particularly amongst the unvaccinated, which includes children under the age of 11. Now restrictions for adults are being lifted, it remains important to be vigilant in monitoring symptoms of COVID-19 in our children, as if a certain percentage of positive cases is reached in school we are required to contact Public Health, which may direct us to send affected Year Groups home. I am very pleased to say that up to now we have not had to do this, and children's education during this academic year has been uninterrupted by closure of any kind.



We remind you that if children show symptoms of COVID-19 they should not come into school due to the risk of them passing it on. If children develop symptoms at school, however mild, guidance states schools are to send them home, where parents and carers should follow current Public Health advice.

Asymptomatic testing with LFDs (Lateral Flow Devices) remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged by government guidance. **Schools are strongly encouraged to ask parents and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the school.** Staff at Brunswick continue to test twice weekly, and we would appreciate it if before attending an appointment or event fully inside the school premises – not the Office Reception Area – that parents and carers do a LFD test beforehand to confirm the virus will not be brought into school inadvertently. There is no need for primary age pupils (those in Year 6 and below) to test regularly using a LFD, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days.

If you have any questions about this letter, or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me or School Office staff who will be happy to help. The community of Brunswick Park Primary School has so far been absolutely brilliant in its support of its children through the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and I know it will continue to do its best to keep education and school life going. Thank you as always for helping us to run the school safely for your children so they can benefit from all school has to offer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bellingham', written in a cursive style.

Susannah Bellingham  
Head Teacher