

# Brunswick Park Primary School



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## e-Newsletter

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## January's Focus Values are **POSITIVITY** and **RESILIENCE**

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2024. Now the children have been back for 10 school days the holiday seems a distant memory, but I hope it was a positive time for your children. They are pleased to be back, have returned keen and ready to learn, and have started to go on the trips that support this term's topics. So far, children have been to the Science Museum, the British Museum, Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Horniman Museum. Their adventures are recorded on X and Insta - do have a look - and many thanks to our parent volunteers who accompany classes to make our trips possible.

This week we sent out Curriculum Leaflets with the children to make you aware of what they will be learning this term, along with Year Group Maker Mat suggestions for home learning. I have already seen some excellent examples of these, showing how learning at school is supported at home.

You have also received details of this year's whole school Personal Development project in support of the charity UNICEF. There are further details in this Newsletter, and Year 5 kicks off with sales of their Anime artwork on Bantry Street on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January at 15:25. Do please support them.

All the children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed M and M Theatrical Productions' performance of their panto Cinderella on Wednesday, during which there was plenty of audience participation. All very exciting, and the actors said what a fantastic audience the children were.

Since children across the country returned to school in January, school attendance has been in the news. I am pleased to report that most of Brunswick's children attend school on time every day. Our Attendance Officer, Tracy Sherry, works with families to improve children's school attendance. Tracy is currently unwell, and is due to return to work at the end of January. Denise Beckford is covering some of Tracy's duties whilst she is absent, so if your child is not in school you will still be contacted on the first day to find out why. We ring the bell at 08:50 to allow 5 minutes for children to be ready in their classrooms when the register is taken at 08:55. If children arrive after 08:55 they are late, so receive a late mark on the register.

You can now order uniform direct from MAPAC using this link, which is also on the school website:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brunswickparkse57qh>

Southwark Council has now made next year's school term dates available so you can start to plan. They are on this newsletter and the Council's website.

In this Newsletter there is a message from the Play Shelter After School Club regarding its capacity, and how it is tackling its waiting list. We know how much parents want the provision.

And finally, Ms Akinlade's last day at work before going on maternity leave will be Wednesday 23 January. Her baby is due in February, and I know you will join me in wishing her well.

With best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

Susannah Bellingham

Head Teacher



**DIARY DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE**

**YEAR 5 ANIME ARTWORK SALE IN AID OF UNICEF: 25 AND 26 JANUARY AT 15:25 ON BANTRY STREET**

**YEAR 5 SHARING ASSEMBLY: 26 JANUARY AT 09:15**

**TERM DATES ARE ALWAYS ON THE NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE**

*Learning for living through respect, support and challenge*



The Play Shelter runs an After School Club at Brunswick Park Primary School in the school's dining hall from 3.30pm - 6.00pm Monday to Friday, catering for children aged 4 - 11 years old.

Currently the club is over subscribed and running a waiting list.

We know parents need the provision, and we could take more children if we could recruit more staff to work with us.

**We are recruiting Play Leaders to work at the After School Club.**

Please see the Job Description and how to apply below. We would love to hear from you!



### **After School Club Play Leaders**

Required to work term time.

**Starting Salary £10.42 per hour – 15 hours week**

Applicants must have experience of working in an After School Club, Holiday Play Scheme or a similar play or educational environment, preferably with children aged 4 – 12 years. A commitment to quality and equality is vital. Applicants must have confident skills and abilities in providing play opportunities through a wide range of activities i.e. creative arts and Crafts, cookery, music/drama and indoor/outdoor sports. It is important that the post holder has a cheerful personality, teamwork skills, communicates and works well with groups of junior children, infant children and parents.

Applicants will be expected to have NVQ II Play work / Childcare or an equivalent qualification.

**Career progression into senior roles is encouraged and supported.**

For an application form contact Gemma Hinton quoting **ASCPL** on 07981 931 408 email: [area.managertps@gmail.com](mailto:area.managertps@gmail.com)

# Keeping up to date with Brunswick Park on Social Media



Resource Base  
@ResourceBaseBP



EYFS  
@EyfsBPPS



Year 1  
@Year1BPPS



Year 2  
@Year2BPPS



Year 3  
@Year3BPPS



Year 4  
@Year4BPPS



Years 5  
@Year5BPPS



Year 6  
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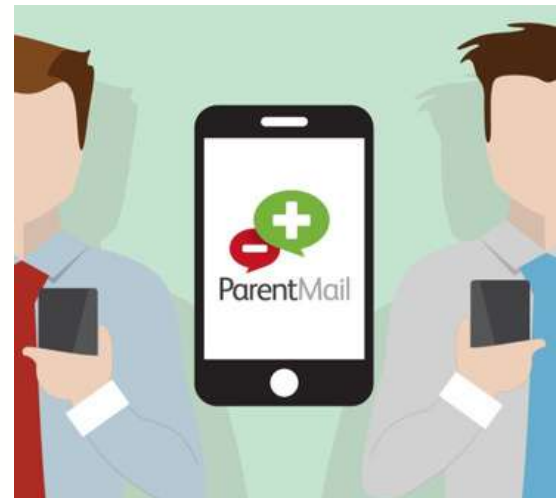
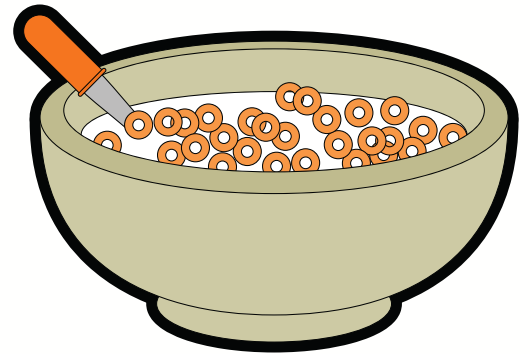
Whole School  
on X @BrunswickParkPS  
on Instagram @brunswickparkps

## Brunswick Park Breakfast Club

### Reception - Year 6

**£15 per week**

regardless of the number of days children attend,  
payable a week in advance at the School Office  
and online via ParentMail.



**7.45am until the start of the school day, Monday - Friday**

In the Dining Hall, run by Brunswick's own staff: Mikaela, Linda and Karen  
Nursery Breakfast Club details available from the School Office

# Term Dates 2023/2024

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

**DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME**

**CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO 190 DAYS' EDUCATION PER YEAR**

### Autumn Term

**HALF TERM 1:** Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

**INSET DAY ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

**HALF TERM 2:** Monday 30 October 2022 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

### Spring Term

**HALF TERM 3:** Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

**HALF TERM 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

### Summer Term

**HALF TERM 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

(May Day bank holiday will be taken on 6 May)

**HALF TERM BREAK:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

**HALF TERM 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Thursday 25 July 2024

**INSET DAYS MONDAY 22, TUESDAY 23, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 JULY**

**LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IS FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024**

**Children finish at 2.00pm on 20 December 2023, 28 March 2024 and 19 July 2024**

### Public Holidays:

Monday 25 December 2023:	Christmas Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 December 2023:	Boxing Day Holiday
Monday 1 January 2024:	New Year Holiday
Friday 29 March 2024:	Good Friday
Monday 1 April 2024:	Easter Monday
Monday 6 May 2024:	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024:	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26 August 2024:	Summer Bank Holiday

# School term and holiday dates

## Academic year 2024/25

### Autumn term

- Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024
- Half Term - Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024
- Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

### Spring term

- Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
- Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

### Summer term

- Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025 (May Day bank holiday will be taken on 5 May)
- Half Term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025



**COMMUNITY SK8 DATES**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**17TH, 24TH & 31ST JAN 24**  
**18:30-20:30**

**Cost of living Community Skate**  
**£2 child/youth\***  
**£3 Adult**  
**skate at own risk**

**\*Under 18 must be accompanied by an Adult**

**Jessie Duffet**  
**Tenants Hall SE5**  
**OUB**

**SCAN ME**

**TICKET VIA TICKETSOURCE**

**JAM SPEED ROLLERS**

The poster features a photograph of a roller skating rink with several people skating. It includes two QR codes in the top corners and a 'SCAN ME' QR code in the bottom right. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts.



# FREE MUSIC THERAPY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

## We are opening a new site in January 2024

ASHMOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
ASHMOLE ST, SW8 1NT.



From  
**18TH JANUARY 2024**

**FREE MUSIC THERAPY FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
AGED 3 - 18 YEARS OLD WITH SEND**

*Every 3rd Thursday of the month from  
6.30 - 7.30p.m.*

**SESSIONS ARE RUN BY QUALIFIED MUSIC THERAPISTS IN AGE  
APPROPRIATE GROUPS.**

**PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN.**

FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL :  
[emma.chapman@in-deep.org.uk](mailto:emma.chapman@in-deep.org.uk)

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.IN-DEEP.ORG.UK](http://WWW.IN-DEEP.ORG.UK)



# VOLUNTEER



## COME AND VOLUNTEER WITH US!!

We are living in a time where we need to help each other and come together as a community reaching out wherever possible.

Get Rid of and Donate are looking for Community Volunteers to help with community outreach support with distribution of donations, service operators and community care at one of our community hubs in Lambeth and Southwark.

Visit our website [www.getridofit-donate.com](http://www.getridofit-donate.com) or make arrangements to come to one of our community centres to see the work we are achieving.

If you are aged 16+ and can give a few hours a week to someone you can talk to, encourage with hope, we would like you to come along and support Get Rid of and Donate!



**GET RID OF AND  
—DONATE—**



for further information & enquiries contact us - text '**Volunteer**' or message via WhatsApp to **07944 102 112**.

# PACT Parents And Communities Together

## Weekly Group Programme

### MONDAY/LUNES

#### **BABIES @ MUMSPACE 11-12NOON, SALVATION ARMY**

A group for parents with under one's, for fun, interactive and wellbeing sessions. Contact Mena 07534 727316 or [mena.amnour@citizensuk.org](mailto:mena.amnour@citizensuk.org)

#### **PARENT UNIVERSITY 1-2.30PM SALVATION ARMY**

For more details and to sign up for this course see back of this programme

### TUESDAY/MARTES

#### **MUMSPACE 10.30-12NOON, ST MICHAELS**

Join us for active play as we enjoy the indoors and the outdoors of St Michael's, a drop in for under 4's. We have wellbeing, creative sessions and visits from our fantastic health professionals. Contact Mena on 07534 727316 or [mena.amnour@citizensuk.org](mailto:mena.amnour@citizensuk.org).

### WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES

#### **ESPACIO MAMA 10.30-12:30PM, SAN MATEO**

Únete a este grupo para madres embarazadas o con niños pequeños, donde tendrán un espacio para conectar y tener información de Health Visitor. Contacta a Mery Calderon al 07399584871 [mery.calderon@citizensuk.org](mailto:mery.calderon@citizensuk.org)

### THURSDAY/ JUEVES

#### **GARDENING 10-11AM, CASPIAN STREET**

For more details contact Layla on [layla.meerloo@citizensuk.org](mailto:layla.meerloo@citizensuk.org) or 07376014330

### FRIDAY/VIERNES

#### **MUMSPACE 10.30-12:30PM, SALVATION ARMY**

A play session for families with children under 4 including workshops on topics such as wellbeing, health visitor advice, family cooking and Mums Take Over! Contact Kady 07930 958764 or [kady.channer@citizensuk.org](mailto:kady.channer@citizensuk.org)

#### **ESPACIO MAMA 1-2.30PM, SALVATION ARMY**

Únete a este grupo para madres embarazadas o con niños pequeños, donde tendremos a LAWRS y la oportunidad de divertirte con tu niño(s). Contacta a Mery Calderon al 07399584871



### Our venues

**Camberwell  
Salvation Army**  
105 Lomond Grove  
Camberwell  
SE5 7HG

**St. Michael's**  
Wyndham Road  
Camberwell  
SE5 0UB  
(next to Ark All Saints)

**San Mateo/  
St Matthews**  
Meadow Row  
Elephant & Castle  
SE1 6RG



### New to PACT? ¿Nueva en PACT?

You are welcome to just turn up and register with us or you can contact the group organiser. Las invitamos a que vengan y se registren con nosotras o pueden ponerse en contacto con la organizadora de cada grupo.



# ARE YOU PREGNANT OR A NEW PARENT? PARENT UNIVERSITY



Parent University is a place to meet new mums, share experiences and make new friends. Fatimah

**SIGN UP FOR OUR ANTENATAL AND POSTNATAL COURSES**

**ON MONDAYS 1-2.30PM. Contact Mena on:  
mena.amnour@citizensuk.org or  
07534 727316**

# BLACK MATERNAL VOICES



We are a group of black mothers who meet regularly to offer support to each other and make positive change.

**For more information please contact:**

**munira.nesredin@citizensuk.org or  
07399 241320**

# Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

Would you like to buy more fruit & vegetables for your family?

Are you a member of PACT/ MumSpace/ Espacio Mama?

We can help you to apply for Rose Vouchers and Healthy Start Vouchers. They support families on low incomes and families who have NRPF to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

For more information, call Munira 07399 241320 or Kady 07930 958 764



# PACT GARDEN



Sessions are held on Thursdays 10 - 11 seasonally For more information please contact Layla 07376 014 330

# WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

If you are interested in volunteering or would like some more information please contact Luna on 07495 032 811 or email luna.vargasdiaz@citizensuk.org

Parents and Communities Together (PACT)  
PACT@citizensuk.org / 07507706460

www.pact-citizens.org  
Instagram: PACT\_Southwark  
Facebook: PACT Southwark  
Twitter: @PACTSouthwark

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

A **free** course for pregnant women  
and new parents



Parent University is  
a place to meet new  
mums, share  
experiences and  
make new friends.  
Fatimah



Join us Mondays 1-2.30PM throughout the year (term time)  
Find us at Camberwell Salvation Army, 107 Lomond Grove,  
Camberwell SE5 7HG

Sessions are delivered by PACT staff, in  
partnership with local health professionals.

We run **antenatal** (3 sessions) and  
**postnatal** (7 sessions) courses.

*Parent University has helped me prepare for  
my baby, and gain knowledge about how to  
care for my baby and myself.*

To find out more about the sessions, start dates or sign up,  
contact Mena Amnour:

[mena.amnour@citizensuk.org](mailto:mena.amnour@citizensuk.org) or call/message 07534 727316



On the Homepage of Brunswick's website there is the Events Diary, our X (Twitter) Feed and Quick Links to all the information you need. Please use it to stay up to date; it is there to help you.

### Making payments for goods and services at school

Payments for uniform, trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club can all be made either in cash at the School Office, or online, via ParentMail.

To pay for uniform online using ParentMail, you need to log in to your account and pay for the item/s before you collect them from the School on Wednesdays.

Uniform can now be bought online directly from MAPAC via this link:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brunswickparkse57qh>

To pay for all other services - trips, Breakfast Club, top-up fees and Nursery After School Club - make sure your ParentMail account is registered to pay for the services you need, then you can pay for them online.

If you need support to register, please see the School Office Staff.

**WE HOPE THIS HELPS!**

## Uniform - sales in school and online via MAPAC

Sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and swimming hats are still available to buy or collect from the School Office on **Wednesdays from 3.30-4.00pm**. If you choose to pay in cash, please bring the right money as we cannot give change. If you choose to pay online via ParentMail, please pay for your item/s before coming to collect them.

**YOU CAN BUY UNIFORM DIRECT FROM MAPAC FOR DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME:**

**USE THIS LINK - also on the school website - OR THE DETAILS BELOW**

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/brunswickparkse57qh>

**Age 13 - adult sweatshirts = £10.00**

**All other sweatshirts = £8.00**

**Age 13 - adult cardigans = £13.00**

**All other cardigans = £11.00**

**Book Bags = £4.00**

**Swimming Hats = £1.00**



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# SAVE on school uniform!

Register today to keep up to date with important ordering information & great offers!

Including our online exclusive...

**BLACK FRIDAY & JANUARY SALE**



It's easy!



- 1 Visit - [www.mapac.com](http://www.mapac.com)
- 2 Click **Login/Register** at the top of the page, then click register.
- 3 Follow the simple online steps.

Once registered you will be the first to find out about our online promotions!

# SCHOOL UNIFORM, PE KIT AND PE DAYS

All children are expected to wear full school uniform daily, and the school PE kit on PE days.

Nursery and Reception children do not get changed for PE, so do not need school PE kit.

**Children in Years 1-6 need school PE kit.**

**They come to school in their PE kit on PE days.**



**School PE kit is:**  
white T-shirt or white polo shirt  
black shorts/leggings/joggers  
school jumper/cardigan  
white/black/grey socks  
black trainers or plimsolls



**Please do not send your child to school in non-uniform clothing.**

Year Group	PE Day
Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday
Resource Base	Tuesday



## Top Tips for...

# MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

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### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

### Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities - empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

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#WakeUpWednesday

# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# What Children & Young People Need to Know about

## FREE VS SPEECH

## HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to others. Whether online or offline, communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes ...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are – including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

### Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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Source: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>  
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/schedule/1#?text=everyone%20has%20the%20right%20to%20freedom%20of%20expression>

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Pupil absence and lateness account for lost learning. Lessons start at 09:00.  
We need to make sure as many children as possible are present in school on time every day.

## What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.45am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments, and bring in appointment cards/letters/texts.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, consult the NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Children should be kept at home only if they have a serious illness or injury.

If a child has a minor ailment, e.g. headache or stomach ache, you should bring your child in and inform the teacher in person or via the school office.

These ailments are not considered serious enough to warrant absence from school.

If the child's condition worsens, we will contact you.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport to call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

**If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!**

## What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Celebrate good and improving school attendance.

**Tracy Sherry is our Attendance Officer.**

**Bev Swack is our LA Family Early Help Practitioner.**

## Children need to:

**Arrive at school by 08:50**

**Be seated in the classroom by 08:55**

**If children are not in their classrooms by 08:55 they are late.**

**All children, on time, every day, learning.**

**Your child is entitled to 190 days' education per year.**

## 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 or plain black trainers, 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 monitored by Council cameras 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, or risk a warning/fine.

## Safeguarding Information

The designated team for Safeguarding at Brunswick Park Primary is  
Susannah Bellingham  
Caroline Campion 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, X (Twitter) and Instagram 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>

**Whole School Attendance this fortnight: 94.5%**

**Classes with the best attendance: 5B, (98%), 2A (97.9%), 6A (97.7%)**

**Classes with the best punctuality: RB2, 2A and 6A**

If your child needs to be absent from school for exceptional reasons, you need to complete an Exceptional Leave Request Form in good time beforehand, available on the website and from the School Office.

***Remember - don't book holiday in term time - even if the tickets are cheaper - as it cannot be authorised unless circumstances are genuinely exceptional. Evidence must be provided.***

***Children are entitled to 190 days' education per year.***

**Whole School Attendance Target: 96%**

## Right to Reply:

**19/01/24: 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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