



Brunswick House
Primary School

BRUNSWICK NEWS

Headteacher Update: 2020 - 2021

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Families,

The children have really been enjoying the sunny weather this week has bestowed upon us, enabling a plethora of outside learning to take place and of course for our Garden Project to start back up since lockdown last March. There have been quite a few notifications from the DfE this week which I will cover in the information below. Praise for our drop off and pick up measures continue to be fed back to us and even with the increase in numbers at the gate as we extend a warm welcome our new Foundation Stage children and their families, the arrangements appear to be efficient and effective. My thanks go to our whole school community for making this possible, the lines and tape seemed a little draconian at first, I'm sure, but the queueing system has provided reassurance for adults and children alike that social distancing can be achieved in a large primary school.

Parking

Please can I remind parents not to park in the church car park. This resulted in some near misses last week as cars tried to exit on top of parents and children leaving the school in our one way system. This is quite simply very dangerous.

Similarly, please do not park outside the school. There is ample parking opposite the school in the Dunelm car park and although there are queues to exit, it is in the knowledge that we are keeping the pupils of Brunswick House School safe.

I have contacted both secondary schools (MGGS and Maplesden Noakes) to remind them of this as well as the issue around large groups of exiting secondary school pupils near the barriers at the junction of Buckland Road and the car park for the gym. I have already received a supportive response from the headteacher at MGGS who will be highlighting this in her school communications to students and parents.

Data Sharing with Public Health Organisations

We need to share the following statement with you. Page 32 of the most recent PHE guidance states that:

“Because COVID-19 is a statutory notifiable disease, details of any confirmed cases (and suspected cases if requested) need to be provided to PHE. ‘Notification of infectious diseases’ is the term used to refer to the statutory duties for reporting notifiable diseases in the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 and the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010. Details of all people who have had a positive test for COVID -19 will also be provided to PHE by the testing laboratory. When an educational setting reports a positive case to us, we will ask the setting to report to us the numbers of children and staff who have been exposed to that person. Depending on the complexity of the situation, we may need personal details of contacts as well as numbers. All personally identifiable information will be handled in line with the obligations set on us by the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).”

DfE recommendations

Please make sure that you are adhering to the following guidance

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- **FACE** - Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **SPACE** - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors).

Respect

Teamwork

Empathy

Self-Belief

Honesty



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DfE Covid-19 Symptoms and Actions

Symptoms

There is a national 'case definition' which identifies Covid symptoms as:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Where an individual presents with one of the above symptoms they should self-isolate and receive a test. We understand that there is much discussion nationally regarding additional symptoms and their link to Covid 19, however **the above three symptoms remain the only symptoms where an individual needs to isolate and seek a test unless they are requested to seek a test by a health professional.**

We are also aware of cases where children may present with one of the above symptoms for a short period of time, such as 1 day, and then parents wish to return them to school without testing or self-isolation when they no longer have these symptoms; often after having discussed their symptoms with a health professional such as a GP who concludes they are likely to have an illness other than Covid.

We have sought advice on this matter and it remains that anybody presenting with one of the three symptoms must isolate for 10 days and only return prior to that if they have received a negative test result and feel well.

A telephone consultation with a health professional that reports Covid is unlikely is not a reason for the school to deviate from the policy where an individual has had one of the three Covid symptoms.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#ending-self-isolation-and-household-isolation>



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Parent Body

We have appointed 6 reps already to our 2020/21 Parent Body, details will be coming out this week, along with information about how to contact your rep and when our first meeting will be. We still need a further 8 reps, so please ring the school office on 01622 75210 if you would like to join us.

Computer Access at Home / Home Curriculum Opportunities

Staff are currently training to use a Google teaching platform so that they can provide a mix of online and offline resources should we be faced with a local lockdown or your child finds themselves self isolating for 14 days. We will then be providing a training session for parents.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, please inform the school office so that we know to provide your child with paper copies.

Staying in Contact

Please remember that my Deputy Headteachers, our Family Liaison Officer and I are only an in-school phone call/email away.

School phone number: 01622 752102

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Stay safe and keep well.

Mrs Skinner
Headteacher