



Brunswick House  
Primary School

# BRUNSWICK NEWS

Headteacher Update: 2020 - 2021

Friday 25th September 2020

## Dear Families,

At the end of what has been a complete contrast to last week in terms of weather, I am reminded to pop in a 'reminder' about **coats** for children please. Quite a few pupils arrived without coats this week and started their day a little on the soggy side. Although, as I write this newsletter, I notice that we could be treated to temperatures of 17 degrees again on Monday and Tuesday...fingers crossed!

## Parking

**My thanks** to parents for really making an effort this week to park over at the Dunelm Mill car park - I know it's a pain to queue to leave, but it makes such a difference to the safe passage of our children outside our own school. Please keep it up.

Please remember **not** to park in the 3 staff parking bays at the top of our car park, near the church.

## Information

Please remember that **long hair** should be tied back at all times whilst in school, not just in PE lessons.

**Home learning** will restart as of Monday 28th September, this will be sent home to you via parentmail. You should also have received your child's **Year Group Curriculum Information presentation** this evening. This replaces what is normally a face to face in school meeting for you—we hope it provides you with all the information you will need to know about your child's time in that year group and the units they will study.

Our new curriculum maps can also be found on our school website at:

<https://www.brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=39>

## Visitors in School (reminder)

We are currently only admitting visitors onto the school site who have made a prior arrangement with a member of the senior leadership team. This is to ensure that we are able to put strict social distancing measures in place for that visit/meeting. Up until now, all of our meetings have been conducted 'virtually'. Parents and carers have been brilliant at emailing and phoning us where they have needed to talk to someone or have needed to relay a message to a class teacher. I would ask that we continue with this please.

Don't forget there is a **'speaker'** by the outer foyer door if you want to speak to the receptionist about something urgent.

## Poppy Appeal

Unfortunately we are not able to have poppies or poppy related items in school this year. However, the Royal British Legion have sent us a link to their website if you would like to donate to them:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

## Mobile Phones

Please can I remind parents/carers **not** to use their mobile phones whilst on the school premises—thank you

*Respect*

*Teamwork*

*Empathy*

*Self-Belief*

*Honesty*



Brunswick House  
Primary School

# BRUNSWICK NEWS

Headteacher Update

Friday 25th September 2020

## 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>

### 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

**Headteacher email:** headteacher@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk (Mrs Skinner)

**Deputy headteachers' emails:** deputy@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk (Miss Fullagar)  
inclusion@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk (Miss Steward)

**Family Liaison Officer email:** flo@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk (Mrs Martin)

Stay safe and keep well.

**Mrs Skinner**

**Headteacher**

*Respect*

*Teamwork*

*Empathy*

*Self-Belief*

*Honesty*