



Brunswick House
Primary School

BRUNSWICK NEWS

Headteacher Update: 2020 - 2021

Monday 16th November 2020

Dear Families,

The children have come back since half term full of enthusiasm for their learning and we rounded off last week with a really enjoyable Children in Need day. Thank you so much for all your support with this—we have already received an email from Children in Need thanking us for our participation and donations.

Some wonderful news to share: two of our pupils, Luca and Rhys Janes have been hard at work collecting food parcels to donate to the Royal British Legion—what a fantastic achievement boys! Well done.



Attendance

Please email attendance@brunswick-house.kent.sch.uk each day your child is absent from school.

Staffing News

We have some wonderful news to share with you. Mrs Hawks gave birth to her second child last weekend. Baby Mathilda and Mrs Hawks are doing well and we know you would join with us in sending them all our love and best wishes.

Remote Parents Evening

Thank you so much to all those parents/carers who engaged with our first ever remote parents evening this term—it seems that most appointments connected and where we had hitches, parents received a phone call.

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)

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Stay safe and keep well.

Mrs Skinner
Headteacher

Respect

Teamwork

Empathy

Self-Belief

Honesty



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Actions: 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>