



Brunswick House
Primary School

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Headteacher Update: 2020 - 2021

Sunday 28th March 2021

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are only a few more days away from the Easter break, with British summertime officially 'open' and the promise of warmer weather, at least for this week, on the horizon. The children have found this term both exciting and tiring, but have settled back into school life with great enthusiasm. We had a fabulous day on **Red Nose Day** and raised a brilliant £454 from your donations: Thank you everyone!

Parents Evening

As you know, we are holding Parent Consultations, remotely, on Thursday 22nd April, Thursday 29th April and Thursday 6th May - 3.45 until 6pm. Your child's teacher will talk about how your child has settled back in to school since the 8th March and what their next steps will be for Terms 5 and 6. Transition to secondary school may also be something year 6 parents want to discuss with their child's class teacher.

Their final end of year report will come out to you in July.

Parent Forum

We had our Term 3 Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday 24th March, the notes from which will be published on our website this week. It was a very full agenda, but needs more detail from parents when submitting their questions please, so that leaders can provide fuller answers for parents.

Finally

Many thanks to all those parents who have parked as requested over at Dunelm Mill, worn their masks on site and queued at the right time on the right side of the school gate each morning. They may be small things but they add up to make a **BIG** difference to the safety of our school community.

Staying in Touch

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

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Stay safe and keep well,

Mrs Skinner

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>