



Brunswick House
Primary School

BRUNSWICK NEWS

Headteacher Update: 2021 - 2022

Sunday 12th September, 2021

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of our first full week back at school and I have to say that the atmosphere has been awe inspiring. Even the little things like having the children back in the hall for lunch and being able to see them all in person for assemblies—it makes our hearts ‘sing’.

Picking Up and Dropping Off

Families have been brilliant adapting to the new dropping off and picking up system. May we just remind you to please:

- *Keep to the right side of the path following the arrows;*
- *Stay behind the white line on the playground so that teachers can see you and children can meet who is collecting them safely;*
- *Once you have collected your child/ren walk to the back of the playground to leave;*
- *Leave the playground promptly once you have collected your child/ren;*
- *Do not cross the tape on the playground or ask your children to do so.*

Parent Body

We will be looking for new parent body reps for this year, one for each class. Mrs Whitehead will be in contact with you all this week for self nominations.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Miss Carden who got married in the summer holidays and is expecting her first child. She will be keeping her maiden name for the remainder of her time with us this year and will take up her married name on her return.

Congratulations to Miss Ford on the arrival of her second child, a baby girl.

School Dinners

Please use the online payment system to pay for school meals, the link is:

<https://chandcoparents.myschoolmealorders.com/home>

Class Newsletters

These will come to you on a Friday. Please make sure you read them each week as they contain important information about your child’s learning and additional things like PE days, events and ideas for home learning.

Curriculum Presentations to Parents/Carers

We will be inviting you in to school the week beginning the 4.10.21 to attend a short presentation on your child’s year group curriculum and events for the year. Presentations last approximately 20/25 minutes and we include a time to ask questions at the end. Please queue outside the school’s main entrance until you are called into the large hall.

Brunswick House Primary School Curriculum Presentations to Parents: 2021 - 2022		
	9.05 – 9.30	2.35 - 3.00
4.10.21		Year 1
5.10.21	Year 5	Year 3
6.10.21	Year 4	Year 6
7.10.21	Year 2	

New DfE Schools Operational Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Please see over the page for some of the changes you need to be aware of.

Respect

Teamwork

Empathy

Self-Belief

Honesty



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DfE Updated Operational Guidance—A few Key Points

- ◆ We no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').
- ◆ Schools no longer need to do contact tracing anymore. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply: ****they are fully vaccinated** ****they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months** ****they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial** ****they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.** Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.
- ◆ Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas...unless the school has a substantial increase in the number of positive cases.
- ◆ As a school, we will be : ****Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.** ****Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.** ****Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.** ****Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**
- ◆ Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate at home and follow this up with a PCR test.
- ◆ In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school, the school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.
- ◆ The school will continue to provide remote education to pupils who have to stay at home due to Covid 19.

Please follow the link on the previous page if you would like to access and read the full guidance.

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