



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear parents/carers and children ,

I hope you all had some opportunity for rest over the Easter period. I welcome you to our very first (and hopefully never repeated) remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. The pictures of happy children flooding in are a testimony to your skill and courage. Bravo.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. As I've said before name your worry and talk to it. One lovely member of staff who shall name nameless has called their worry 'Gilbert'. I'm sure you may have equally silly names for yours. Another staff member refuses to name theirs, but does talk to the houseplants. I often get mine to go away by wearing safety goggles and smashing plates with a hammer (I make mosaics with them afterwards). Whatever you are doing to reduce and confront your worries is fine. If you are the sort of person who loves learning a new language or cooking, great but equally curling up with a book, boxing or dancing to a favourite tune is good too. We know if you are keeping safe and following guidelines you are doing your best! Be kind to yourself and your team.

We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know via [school@](mailto:school@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) email or the [secretary@](mailto:secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) email. Teaching staff are set to reply via Marvellous Me or Tapestry and members of SLT are always on hand to help guide you. Communication is important and a way for us to help you. Equally for you to help us, if you know someone who is worried in any way please let us know discretely too via [school@](mailto:school@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) or [secretary@](mailto:secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) email - we're here to help.

Our Inclusion Team is here to help advise you and you may wish to direct specific requests to them- Mrs Greenwood is our Family Support Worker, Mr Tribe is our Educational Psychologist and Mrs Ilyas and Mrs Robinson are our Special Needs Coordinators (Sendcos). Do ask if there is something you need. Their advice so far can be found on <https://www.jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/advice-for-adults/>

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with providing lots of activities on our website , providing ideas for you to choose from for remote working. In school we continue provision for vulnerable pupils and children of essential workers.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't try to be together. We continue to have a theme per week for you to 'dip' into. We chose this approach so that you can have what you require for your child.

Two new excellent resources have been launched today:

The National Academy- <https://www.thenational.academy>



And BBC Bitesize at home lessons-

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znbncsw?dm\\_i=3YNL,14EWE,5CRCVP,3Y6KX,1](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znbncsw?dm_i=3YNL,14EWE,5CRCVP,3Y6KX,1)

Both will be added to the website for you to choose from. <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/school-closure-work-2/> We know that many people appreciate having a structure to their activities and both of these will help you if that is your approach. Equally, you might just dip into one or two depending on what you know your child is missing. Or you could carry on with what you're doing. It's your choice and it would be foolish of us to suggest a one size fits all approach to this.

Your children will continue to have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on Marvellous Me, Tapestry and our school website. Don't feel pressured to do them all. 2-3 hours a day is more than enough- you can then add in important online games or chores or family time. Some children may only manage a small time of independent activities- give specific praise to them when they do complete elements of work independently as they will be more willing to then give new activities a go.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in by taking a picture and sending via email to the [school@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:school@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) address as we would like to showcase pieces on our website. <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/home-and-school-themes/>

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. We will plan safely and carefully for whatever is suggested and let you know what that is as soon as it's thought through. As I said on Friday's newsletter I'm not certain we will please everyone. Please know we'll plan for the safest option once we're told when/how/if to open and we'll work our that plan for helping keep children safe but also looking after the wellbeing of those who are caring for them. If you do start to think of 'what if's?' hold onto them for the moment. We can't plan for all eventualities yet and deciding too early may give mixed messages. Trust us.

If you need a paper pack of activities sent to your house then sign up here <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TMDWt0iPMk66KDUenvxjRjtfBVdIjb1EuPjZxiVxeFdUOVZSk5CVVRNS1pHUVhKNIFINVFafVFVQSi4u> . Like much in the post at the moment these take a few days to turn around and be send to you so don't despair if yours hasn't arrived yet, it will... many people have been pleased with what has arrived, but if you feel it isn't for you you can cancel via [secretary@](mailto:secretary@) at any time.

Remember the Rainbow Promise is there to teach your children how to be a good friend and neighbour- the owl learning skills are to help them get whatever job they want in the future. Use these to help you refocus and recharge your Teams at home.

Please continue to share your humour and your strength to your teams. As you know smiles, jokes, kind words and cuddles heal many wounds both physical and mental the world inflicts.

I'll end with a quote from the wonderful and inspiration Captain Tom Moore: 'My message right now is, tomorrow will be a good day. We will get through this and come out of it stronger, more united and ready to face any challenge together.' Again, Bravo.

Be strong and stay safe in your Teams,

Warm regards,

Liz Savage & the JPCE family

