



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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11.3.20 Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share with you the arrangements for children eligible to continue with supervised study at Jennett's Park CE.

Please note that, if children are **able** to stay at home safely they should as the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

The government has announced the key workers list. This can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision</a>

It is important to stress that, if children can safely stay at home they should do. You should only send them in to school, regardless of whether your occupation is on the list, if it is not safe for them to work from home. The guidelines are clear that the closure of schools is there to limit the spread of the virus. With fewer children travelling to school the risk of spreading the virus to vulnerable groups is fewer.

There will also be children who would be vulnerable if they are at home regardless of parents occupations. Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with <u>education</u>, <u>health and care (EHC) plans</u>.

#### The following principles should be applied:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Students attending school will not be taught lessons in the normal format and social distancing will be applied where possible. We will have a theme per week and will email you our first theme by the end of the day. Those at home can also participate by emailing their work on the theme to <a href="mailto:secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk">secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk</a> with the theme of the week.







In order for us to plan effectively for next week we have created a link for those who need to book a place at the school as it would be unsafe for their child to work from home.

This can be found here <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TMDWt0iPMk66KDUenvxjRJtfBVdIjb1EuPjZxiVxeFdUNVJPUjYwO0]DT05GMVJHNklJWldYRFczRS4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TMDWt0iPMk66KDUenvxjRJtfBVdIjb1EuPjZxiVxeFdUNVJPUjYwO0]DT05GMVJHNklJWldYRFczRS4u</a>

### Given the timeframes, on Monday we will allow all students who have booked a place to attend.

Children can be dressed in any clothing that is practical and need sensible footwear. They should aim to bring in a snack - we will be offering lunch to those onsite. If your child wishes to have packed lunch make sure it is well labelled!

From Tuesday children who book a place where it is unsafe from them to work from home will need to provide evidence from their parents employment that based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. We will contact anyone who has registered already as Vulnerable to confirm details.

## What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

The school website has a lot of closure work on it ready for you to use: <a href="https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/school-closure-work-2/">https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/school-closure-work-2/</a>

We are aware that not everyone has a computer. If you would like a paper pack printed for you please email the office directly on <a href="mailto:secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk">secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk</a>. We will distribute these as soon as possible for those who require it and can post to anyone already self-isolating.

As we have already stated, during any closure we will contact you via 3 main routes:

- $\bullet$  Marvellous Me (Year 1 Year 6) or Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) for personal messages from the team or class teachers
- sQuid for direct emails
- Our Website overview of links/ work/ etc https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/

We recommend if you do not currently have log in details for any of first three you contact the office immediately.

The email accounts will still be closely monitored during any closure- if you have any need to contact a member of staff during closure please email <a href="mailto:secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk">secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk</a> and your information will be passed onto the right person.

#### Free school meals

Details of how we will provide food for those in current receipt of free school meals to be announced later today once I have spoken to Harrison's Catering – this will be emailed out asap.

Many thanks for your support with this and we hope that things will go back to normal as quickly as is possible. Yours sincerely

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