



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed by the Government to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. Email us at secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by emailing you via sQuid, posting on Tapestry and publishing on the website.

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: <https://www.jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/school-closure-work-2/>

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 secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk. 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:

- 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.jennettpark.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 secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk and your information will be passed onto the right person.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

In response to a request from our sister school in Ranelagh, we intend to make this Friday a fundraising non-uniform day. We would like to donate the money raised to our local food banks. In the current crisis; food banks are going to be a very important resource for some families in the near future and the suggestion is that a non-uniform day, albeit for a smaller number of students and staff, is a way in which we might all be reminded of the hardship that many people may now face. Please donate items of long life foods or £1 and we will get this to the Trussell Trust.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

I would like to conclude by thanking all members of our school community for the way in which they have responded to the challenges of recent weeks. We should remember to be the best of ourselves in this time; be wise; be kind; be united; be connected; be confident; be good. Please take care of yourselves and take care of one another.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Savage

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