



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing this open letter to everyone but it's primarily aimed at our friends who are key workers or those who have vulnerable children. We love and support you - we are honoured to serve in this unnerving and unknown time. We know full well you will be anxious about leaving your little ones with us. We are very protective of them too. We know some of you are already feeling guilty or tearful. Trust us.

We're practical people though so here are some thoughts/ prethinkings/ midnight musings. Here are a few things you can reassure your children of over breakfast and before they come in. Most are written for you to say to your child directly.

1. What will we be doing? Well school is open, but no it's not a 'typical' day. We'll have time for PE, play, learning and chatting. There will be time for learning about RAINBOWS as it's our theme for the week. We have prioritised reading, and maths and writing to be done in a creative way. The teachers are very skilled at that.
2. Will my child's teacher be there? Your child's teacher or class LSA may not be the one who is looking after them. We are splitting ourselves into 3 teams to have as few people onsite as possible. They will know someone! All staff are trained in pastoral support and care.
3. But surely that means you won't know about my child? Each team has a member of SLT. The Phase leaders and SENDco's are divided too. We are fully aware of all needs in school. Tell the 'Meeter and Greeter' in registration any key details we MUST know that is new. We have all records onsite for health and care plans and same with learning needs. Other than that trust us.
4. My child has special needs will they get individual support- as much as possible. Trust us to review IEPs and EHCPs to be adapted as much as possible. We'll try to normalise as much as possible.
5. What if they get poorly? We'll look after them. We'll take a temperature (see below for coming into school procedures), we'll keep them warm and safe. We'll ring you or your next emergency contact.
6. Do we have homework? No. It's the three things I've challenged you to- window wanderland, virtual choir and developing gifts and talents.
7. Will we go outside? Yes of course, but not outside school.
8. Do we have to wear school uniform? No. Just something warm, practical and comfy.
9. Do we get fed? Yes, but you may want to bring a snack too. If you don't want hot dinners then please bring a named lunch.
10. Can I bring in a drink? Yes of course. Just name your bottle.
11. Should I bring a pencil case? We'll have everything here.
12. Can I bring a book? Yes of course
13. Where do I put my bags? Once you've registered and washed hands you'll come to the hall and you can put bags under a table.
14. Will I be with my family or class? Well as much as possible both. We will try to be flexible and give space though.



15. Can I sit with other people? Leave a gap. The virus is spread by close contact. No one thinks you are rude for being a bit further away. But yes chat to friends.

I'm sure there are hundreds more what ifs that are flying through young minds and you'd too. Reassure them that if they have a question they can ask. You can email yours to secretary@

On arrival we ask for you to queue at the front entrance against the front of the building not railings. We'll be as fast as possible- bear with us! Give yourself the 2 metres gap between each family. We will open gates and one by one ask people in. Leave a gap.

You will be met and greeted. We will sign you in by family, not class. Tell them anything key that we do not know. Leave a gap and you will be called forward.

Your children will then go to have their temperature taken with a forehead thermometer. You can hold it or ask them to do it. This is to make sure all are ok at the start of the day before entering. All staff are asked to do this too. If it is higher than expected, don't worry you'll be asked to come see a first aider at a different table who can double check and give advice.

If they are well enough to attend your children will then come to the hall. Say goodbye to them at the door and comfort them if worried! We won't stay there all day but it's a good place to start. Children will drop bags into a line in the hall and then go wash hands. That is a good time to go whilst they are doing something practical. Leave enough space to not squeeze past others. They'll then come back to the hall and have some quiet tasks to do.

Pick up starts at 3:10 onwards today. If you require only a half day please let the person greeting you know this. Half day sessions end at 1:15 and no earlier to avoid coinciding with those collecting free school meals. We may be more flexible next week.

Remember that we'd like email / printed confirmation from your employer about your key worker status. This should be from official company emails or on headed paper please. Paper is fine but email to secretary@ easier. Thanks to those who've already done this.

By the end of the day we'll have sorted the electronic booking system for you to book online for those who've shown key worker status. We know full well as a key worker your patterns may be altered or shifts changeable at last minute, that you may only want your child in for one or two days a week or for whole day or half sessions. This is fine.

The guidelines are if you can look after them by **any** other means do. We know you wouldn't send them in if you had **any** other choice.

As a child of a single mum who was also a key worker I know what you and your children will be feeling. Please do know I and my staff will do anything reasonably possible to make this easier on you.

To those at home: routine is your friend. Set it up as soon as possible. Draw up or negotiate a timetable of activities. This can change each day but at least define which order you want things in, if not lengths and overviews. Have this written/ pinned up for a visual reinforcement of what you are doing. Think about a few smaller breaks in the day with screen time and non-electronic balanced. The art and overall theme is Rainbows this week- it's important you give time to creative outlet. There are many many ideas on our website- <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/school-closure-work-2/>  
We'll begin to post retrospectively the ideas we have done in school on rainbows or each weekly theme.

I hope this very early morning message reassured you we want the best. Trust us we do. Communicate anything you need to secretary@. Due to capacity we may not respond 1:1 - it may be in an email or joint q&a response.



Love and an air high five (given across a 2 metre gap of course) to you who we'll be seeing today or those working or recovering at home.

Stay safe,

Yours sincerely

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