



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. Welcome to all our new families.

I am still on holiday as I write this. I am lying in the sunshine and enjoying the noise of a plane nearby. If you aren't ready to get your thoughts into the prospect of starting back next week stop reading this and pick this up next Monday or Tuesday. Some of you are ready to think of return- as always there is no right or wrong we would rather you had the details you need. I am writing to you ahead of school starting to reassure you that as of today we are still on track to reopen fully as planned. Rather than rewrite my end of year letter with all the details you can find them here. <https://www.jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/newsletters/>

Over the summer and just before we closed some parents and children, asked great questions- see our updated Adult and child FAQ's for more details.

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Entry to the school is at set times for a reason -to reduce the flow of traffic on site. Please try to stick to the times set.

Start of the day
8:45 Year 5/6 & YN
8:50 Y3/4
9:00 KS1& Year R

End of day
3:00 Year R & KS1
3:10 Year 3/4 / 5 / 6
3:30 YN

Please see the updated map showing one-way system. Entry points are:

Year 3-4 via main entrance
EYFS – nursery gate
Year 1-2 via Rainbow entrance
Year 5-6 End of building.

Entry is via the 4 phase points but pick up at end of day from children's classes. Again this is to speed up collection and reduce chance to spread any illnesses. See map for class location. <https://www.jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Map-of-school-20-21.png>

As we explained in the summer now was not the time to have a rejig of classes. Mixing classes each year is a great way to reduce any imbalances and allow children to make new friends. We decided staying with existing peers was more important this year. The small number of children who have swapped class had parents contacted. This is a



[link to the classes that was sent out in reports](#). We will try to find a way so that old teachers can have some time safely with old classes to say goodbye- this may be virtually.

Every family should have had a return to school conversation with their new teacher - do let us know if you think you've been missed or you urgently need to update us on something that's happened in the break.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will have permission letters to allow them to walk home sent out on the first day. Unless we receive, written permission children NEVER leave site on their own. If you want your child to walk home on the first day please email in to secretary@.

Please do watch Craig Tribe (our educational psychologist) videos recorded for you for explaining some great tips on how to restart school. —One for each phase about returning to school. View them here:

[Year 5 and 6](#)

[Year 3 and 4](#)

[Year EYFS 1 and 2 who have been in school](#)

[New arrivals to school and those who haven't been in](#)

This is the official government guidance on returning. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Our risk assessment is v13 linked on the website. It has not changed much since v12 but to save time keep looking at the change log tab. <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Jennetts-Park-Risk-Assessment-Tool-v13-1.pdf>

I know many want to get to know teachers straight away. Please do read the welcome letters from staff posted at the end of the holidays on our newsletter page. Our priority is routine and relationships.

If you wish to speak to staff for longer than a very brief hello at the start and end of the day please ring or email the school - we can set up phone or online meetings easily at convenient times within 48-72 hours of any request. We will be having an extra meet the teacher session virtually over the next few weeks and will get you details as soon as confirmed. This is in addition to our October settling in meetings. Our normal route of enquiry is class teacher, then phase leader or SENDco's, then after that the Deputy Heads and then to myself.

If you've not seen our plan for helping recover after reopening it is linked below. It is a week, three week and six-week cycle. We will keep you up to date often on this. <https://www.jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Recovery-curriculum-rationale-and-overview.pdf>

Do let us know if you have been struggling with money. We can show you how to access different strands of funding but also register children for free school meals or access food bank schemes. Let us know confidentially if you know of someone who is struggling and we will try to help them too.

Lastly, just a personal note to thank you for being a superb community. You buoyed us with letting us know we were not going astray as a team when many were criticising a profession we love in the national press. There were times when our strength helped other schools because we could think clearly. I said it repeatedly last year that the reason we served you so well is because of three things:



Honest two-way communication where you can tell us what you need / feel and we can do the same. That is not the same as being blunt or rude. Tell us what you need and we will try to get it done if it is possible. It might not always be possible but if it is then we can send messages. It may not be personal one-to-one responses; we do not have capacity for that. It may be your solution is given in a daily briefing or summed up in FAQ or in the weekly newsletter.

Communication is two-way. Please do your part in communication by sharing and reading what we send out. If anybody you know says they do not receive or bother to read emails, tell them to do so. Tell them to sign up to sQuid. Tell them to read the newsletter. Tell them to look at the website. Tell them to sign up to marvellous me. And Tapestry or Seesaw. Tell them they need to do their part and to be proactive.

Trust between both sides - we genuinely want the best education for children and know you do too. I am humbled to say that my staff are dedicated, kind, hard-working and not to boast the best team I've ever worked with in over 20 years' experience. Why is that? They have a lot of trust in me, in our school Governors, the Bonitas Trust, and the future we will have but also in you. We trust research and listen to advice.

The Rainbow Promise of Values lift us higher collectively-it is the why we are doing this. Many of you chose us as we are your local school. We serve our community as a Christian school. Our values are laid out clearly to unite us whatever you believe in as the Rainbow Promise. It is that that glues us together and gives us strength. I know you know them but the Rainbow is - Love, Honesty, Respect, Peace, Forgiveness, Patience, Support, Kindness & Joy.

Think again of the opposite words- hate, lying, intolerance, war, punishment, impatience and resistance, hindrance, cold-heartedness and misery. They stick in the mind. Say them or think them. They sound awful. Individually each word is not too bad but if we are honest we have each dabbled in a few at some points. I know I can be at times intolerant of people who say or do unkind things but I stop myself and listen. However, in my opinion those opposite words are collectively evil. We use the symbol of the rainbow to promote good. Help us and we can share and do good things.

Do email in to school@ or secretary@ if you have different questions that need answered- we will do our best to get you the information. So adieu until I see you on the gates next week. I will be in my mask but I will be smiling underneath it when I take temperatures.

Stay well

Yours sincerely



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