

Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Update for start of half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ah, the holidays. Happy holidays. When we get to decompress and enjoy being part of a family and where we think about where next with you and your children. Before we start planning the next part of our journey can I just properly say thank you for helping keep us stay safe last term.

Every one of you I know values your children having an education and would like to have your child in every day. You do however recognise the importance of not sending in your children regardless of the sniffles, colds, high temperatures and other infectious diseases as well as covid.

My promise to you this term as we hear that diseases are circulating again in Bracknell is that we'll try to be as safe as we always have. We haven't updated our risk assessment- it is very thorough. Read it here on https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/headteachers-office/covid-information

We monitor the advice daily. Some schools in Bracknell have gone back to reduced numbers of people on site, only doing online meetings, insisting on masks and using a one way. We will review but for the moment with only 6 confirmed PCR for children or staff across the whole of last term it seems excessive to do that. I know you would if we asked. We'll review yet again this week on return and as part of our promise to uphold communication let you know if anything changes.

So in all honesty and love to help us stay doing as well as this:

- O Read our communication- we try to write unambiguously if you don't get something email us at secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk
- o Read the newsletter
- o Sign up for sQUid
- o Sign up for Tapestry or Seesaw
- O Come to parents evening online this week to hear about the start of the year and to work in partnership if you think something could change
- O Pay your donation amount if you intend to via squid. You can partially pay the £30 for EYFS or £35 for Year 1-6. It helps our planning. You have until end of November if you need to pace the cost.
- o Come to our breakfast and after school clubs
- o Eat our delicious lunches cooked by Harrison's
 - o These last three points raise money to mitigate for the costs of extra cleaning, tuition and staffing.
- Support our PTA
- o Lateral flow regularly as adults
- O Dress your kids warmly- we keep doors & windows open for maximum ventilation. Layers are good.
- o Isolate if you or child has symptoms
- O Wear a mask if you come inside & don't argue- wear a lanyard if exempt.







- o Make sure we have all your latest phone numbers and emails
- o Pick up your children promptly if they are poorly or we call
- o Don't send in obviously poorly children!
- Keep a sense of perspective- we offer lots of support other schools don't. Ask if you need something but remember external services outside of us are not under our control - this is especially true of NHS and SEND or Social services.
- O Let us know if you need help- the end of the universal credit has hit many budgets hard or if you need other help. LET. US. KNOW. We will try to get you the right guidance as soon as possible or signpost you elsewhere if not!

Phew! That was a list wasn't it.

In return

- O We promise to only send children home if we suspect you need to do a confirmatory PCR
- Or if they are ill for other reasons we'll tell you too
- Meet you online for parents evening
- O Share what we're planning to do using our website- each year group page has newsletters, plans, long term plans and events.
- o Continue to take temperatures on entry
- o All come in via one door except Year R and Nursery
- o We will keep to our 4 phases as much as possible
- o Go outside as much as possible for fresh air
- o Keep up a rigorous lunch cleaning schedule
- o Meet you outside for celebrations
- o Plan as always to live life in all its fullness-building in as many events we can safely manage.
- Overstaff to try to help reduce impact on staffing
- o Show and teach Love, Respect, Joy, Support, Kindness, Patience, Peace, Forgiveness and Honesty to you and your children- aka the Rainbow Promise
- O Show and Teach Collaboration, Optimism, Perseverance, Pride, Inspiration, Challenge and Managing Distractions the Owl Learning
- o Educate for Wisdom, Hope, Community and Respect with our Four Promises.
- o Keep up our sense of humour and perspective.
- o And last but not least, contact you if anything changes!

Once again, I would ask you to keep that two-way communication open, please gently berate (at a safe distance) with your own humour and support those that say 'I don't read the newsletter' or 'I don't read the emails' into just talking to us. We do listen. Email secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk if you need us.

Stay well this weekend.

See you on the gate, or about in All Hallows or even on the Scarecrow Trail.

Yours sincerely

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Proud Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary





