



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Re: Jennett's Park COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the government issued new advice last week. The full advice can be read here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

For school, this means if your child has symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, they must stay at home and not leave the house for 7 days from when their symptoms started. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough, and/or high temperature
- high temperature

(NB. A normal temperature in children is about 36.4C, but this can vary slightly from child to child. A fever is a high temperature of 38C or more - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/> ) For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection. You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online.

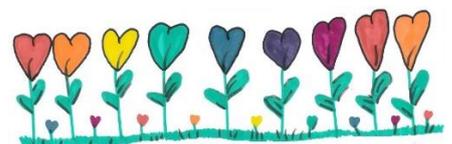
You do not need to keep your child away from school just because someone in their class is unwell. Only keep your child away from school if they are exhibiting the above symptoms or you have been advised to by your GP, NHS111 or Public Health England (PHE). Children who are visibly unwell with these symptoms will be sent home and asked to stay away for 7 days (from when their symptoms started). We would also ask parents who are exhibiting the above symptoms to avoid coming into school.

Children who are unwell or self-isolating will not be penalised for their absence. You should follow the usual absence procedures and call or e-mail the school on the first day they are away from school.

We expect this new advice could mean significant staff absence. We have robust plans in place to ensure classes are covered and we are able to provide the children with a safe environment and effective teaching and learning opportunities. However, with the estimates of 20%-25% staff absence, this will not always be easy and we may have to do things differently, including, in extreme circumstances (i.e. we did not have enough staff to operate safely), combining classes or partial closure of the school.

We have run lessons for the past two weeks on handwashing and keeping clean and hygienic- some great ideas here  
<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools> .

Ensuring we have enough staff to prepare and cook school meals will be a particular challenge. Our first priority is the provision of Free School Meals (FSM) across the school and then Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) for those in Year R, 1 and 2. So we can continue to offer a hot meal to every child who wants one in every year group. In extreme circumstances, we may have to ask parents to send their children to school with a packed lunch.



We have also considered other action we can take to support 'social distancing' to help delay the spread of the virus. As from Monday, we will have taken the following steps:

- Postponing whole school events – this means that the 10000 miles challenge date will be announced after the Easter holidays. The Y3/4 production will be postponed too (all the better to learn the songs).
- Rather than having large school assemblies we will hold daily collective worship and hymn practice in class.
- Parents workshops and assemblies are postponed
- We are cleaning three times daily (increased from twice) – all hard surfaces are especially vulnerable to carrying the virus.
- We are lucky that each set of classes have interconnected toilets- each year group will use these and not the communal toilets.
- Lunchtimes will be extended to reduce the number of children in the hall at any one point. A huge thanks to Sarah and her team in Harrison's kitchen for their continued excellent hygiene.
- We will review work with KOOSA on how they use the hall
- Clubs will cease at the end of this week ( both internal and external) this is one week earlier than expected
- We have asked the PTA not to arrange any additional social events or activities in the school for the near future. They will contact you re the Easter Egg Hunt
- We will review trips and external activities on a case-by-case basis. We intend to continue to participate in outdoor sporting events for the moment, but the children will not shake hands with opponents; instead showing their respect in another way. However, many are being cancelled.

We will consider other measures as and when we get further advice.

The school will remain open unless we are instructed to close by either Public Health England (PHE) or the Department of Education (DfE). If we were to close, we have drawn up plans to provide work for children via our on-line applications –Marvellous Me, Tapestry, sQuid and through the school website <https://www.jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/>. We will use Squid to communicate with you during any closure. Please ensure you know your login details for Tapestry if your child is in Early Years and Marvellous Me for years 1 to 6.

I know some parents may be concerned about the impact the current situation may have on SATS and the other tests / checks the children are due to take in May / June. While our immediate focus is the health and safety of pupils and their families, clearly the longer-term impact on their education is a concern too. I am confident these matters are being raised with the local authority and government. I will keep you updated with any further information as and when we receive it. In the meantime, you are aware of the education links on our school website.

I will write again with a further update once more information is available. All of the action we are taking or planning is designed to keep your children, our staff and the wider community as safe as possible, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Do let us know if any family who is in financial need or hardship needs a food voucher- Mrs Greenwood can be contacted to organise this.

Thank you again to all the people who have wished us well. Our team appreciate the kind support you are giving. If you have any concerns please as always contact us via the office or email your thoughts to [secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@jennettpark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



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