



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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## Re Year 5 Learning in School for remainder of Term and Aberdovey Residential

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5,

There are three aims to this letter. Firstly to extend our good wishes to you all. We hope you are well and want to know how much we miss you. The second section in this letter is to explain our offer for Year 5 children until the summer. The third section is to share our proposed change to the residential.

### *Year 5 Learning in School*

We have received guidance from the government that we can increase our ability to help more children if we deem possible and safe. As you know wellbeing both physically and emotionally is always our highest priority.

At the moment we are offering full day sessions for 180-200 children of Key Workers and those in Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6. Guidance directs us to not have pods larger than 15.

We assume that Year 6 will remain a priority focus for the government. At Jennett's Park we know how important it is to allow children to be in school learning and to support their transition to their next school of choice. We are able to offer children who wishes it in Year 5 a full morning session (8:45- 12:15).

We will base these sessions in the hall. Children will not be expected to do the full loop of the building but will enter via the main entrance and be released from side doors on pick up. The capacity for the hall is 30 children (2 x pods of 15). If we reach full capacity we will offer a rota of alternate mornings. Please understand that this is the only option we can offer as every other classroom is in use full time every day.

Due to many nuances in the existing cover we cannot expand this to a full day, nor will it necessarily be with their class teacher. The work set will be of appropriate level.



We fully understand that some children will not be able to re-join us before the summer for health reasons or that you may decide it may be too stressful. Whatever you decide we will support with online Seesaw accounts, posted and printed booklets and emails.

If you do wish for your children to start with this offer with our primary aim of transition please email us at the [Secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:Secretary@jennettspark.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) we would ask you to confirm by Wednesday 24th 3pm for a Wednesday 1st start. We will ring every parent/carer who does this and complete a return to school questionnaire. Anyone who does not respond by this time will not be offered a space until September. As with other year groups you will be expected to book online so we can sufficiently staff at all times.

Over the next few weeks if you have indicated no for a space your child's current class teacher will ring every parent/ carer who does this and complete with them a return to school questionnaire. We do this in an aim to help the fastest set up for September possible.

There will be an opportunity to meet their new teachers but this has not been fully finalised yet. We had hoped to use the community centre for a socially distanced gathering but have been told that this is not allowed at the moment.

We do not know government plans at the time of writing this on whether we will be expected to adhere to the 2m distancing in September. Clearly, when it reduces we will be able to help other years.

### ***Year 6 Residential***

We had planned to continue our new tradition of hosting a sleepover in the final few weeks of July. This entwines a section of the topic for survival skills and is a highly enjoyable end to the year. Understandably we have postponed our plans.

We similarly will postpone our residential to Aberdovey Wales from late September to 29<sup>th</sup> March for 4 days. We will obviously give a refund on the 5<sup>th</sup> day sorted for those who have paid in entirety. I know this will relieve many parents who were grappling like us with the difficulties both physically and emotionally of sending children away whilst this is still up in the air. Some may feel the dual twinge of knowing that an early residential is beneficial for so many reasons. The Outward Bound are highly supportive in our wish to move, yet reassure us that even if we stayed at our original date our children would be safe. They like many organisations have introduced vast changes to courses and I know the experience will be as exciting as ever.

To make it clear as to our reasoning we are postponing the residential for the following reasons:

1. We are uncertain how travel to Wales would be impacted



2. Some parents are struggling with payments for September schedule
3. Some children may still be shielding for themselves or families in September
4. Emotionally we are convinced a later residential trip will allow in this case for us to better support children and parents anxieties regarding separation
5. It will allow for the postponed sleepover to happen in some form in the Autumn term.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We know this decision will not please everyone but as always we aim to be transparent in our reasons

Lastly, thanks to all of you who have been so supportive to us during this unprecedented time. It is heartening to know so many of you appreciate the zoom events, work packs, themes and now seesaw. We will let you know about our September plans as soon as we are able to but aim for it to be a full time offer for Year 6 as we have managed thus far.

Yours sincerely



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