



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick note to wish you a happy final day of 2020. No need to read til Monday if you don't want to. Our first day back is Tuesday 5th January. At the end is the official communication from Bracknell Forest.

Again thank you to you as a community. We know that the reason we didn't close whole bubbles is because of your vigilance teamed with the staff being super-organised. You should know that we have as this morning active cases in most yeargroups from people who now have to isolate and who have caught it from elsewhere than school. Don't worry that doesn't mean anyone or anyone's bubbles have to isolate. Only if it came into school.

A reminder to continue to keep us all safe:

- If you suspect you have coronavirus don't come in. Email us and complete your isolation period as a family away from others.
- Wear a mask on-site
- Keep a suitable space
- Arrange for one adult only to drop off/ pick up. There are a few exceptions we've made for those with health concerns or children with needs.
- Children to stay with you and not play on equipment.
- Take your child's temperature before they come to school. If too high / low stay at home.
- Monitor other symptoms of colds closely. If it is a cough it is better to monitor first for sake of others. As Chris Whitty says act as if you and others have it.
- Children need to have enough layers to stay warm and peel off / layer up as needed. We have the heating on full and our building retains heat well but a coat and jumper is sensible. See below about naming things.
- Queue in front of the building not the gates. If you queue to the wrong side it blocks traffic. You are welcome to remind others politely. Some sensible parents also began queues in the square where it is easier to space.
- If you drop children outside gates ask them to join the queue not bypass it.
- We open gates 8:35-8:40. This is to allow for spacing . Don't all aim to get in quickly if you arrive for 8:45. Our school day starts at 8:55 so there is more than enough time.
- Gates close at 9:05. No one is marked as late until 9:15 so you have enough time but we do ask once it is closed to come via office.



- Email/ ring into office to book appointments if you need us. Staff can't chat on gates. school@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk 01344301269
- End of day - 2:55 gates open. We expect you to space out and not block others exits. On days with fewer staff we slow down entry to keep fewer people on site. This means a longer wait. Be patient.
- Children who exit on their own from year 4/5/6 leave at 3:15.
- Read newsletter for drop off collection plan for extremely icy/snowy weather.
- We'll email you Tuesday of PE days. Coming in in PE kit is very helpful.
- Label everything. Even with no PE kit changing children still lose things. Anything unnamed ends up in the box at the front of school. But that often has a delay of a few days.
- If you know of anyone that still doesn't have a sQuid account to get communication from school please feel free to nag them.

Again, we'll do all we can to make sure we keep up communication to you in these next few weeks and months. Things move quickly at times and we do try to let you now as soon as we've made decisions. As you know this is often at the same time as in the National press leakings or in a sudden press statement. Give us time if something comes up. We are ready to go to online work if heaven forfend we need to via Tapestry and Seesaw.

People often asked why I was still so smiley and why I have energy. It was never an attempt to annoy or be blithely oblivious to the issues. It's because I look for the good things and there were many many examples of that. My team. Our health. Your support. Your children. Look for the cracks as that's where the light comes in. Our values keep us united to help our children flourish and achieve under God's love.

Enjoy the last few hours of everyone's ***Annus Horribilus***.

Yours sincerely



Liz Savage

Proud Headteacher Jennett's Park

Below is the communication from Bracknell Schools



Bracknell Forest schools – January return information

Bracknell Forest Council is today providing further clarity on the return of pupils to the borough's schools in January following the education secretary's announcement yesterday (30 December).

Week commencing 4 January, 2021:

All primary pupils will return to school for face-to-face learning. Parents/carers should check with their child's school for the exact date as some schools have pre-planned INSET days w/c 4 January.

- Secondary schools will focus on the rollout of testing to help find asymptomatic cases once pupils return for face-to-face learning.
- Secondary schools will provide face-to-face education for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers.
- Secondary schools will prioritise resources for remote education for exam year groups (years 11 and 13) in line with what they would receive in class.
- Secondary schools will provide non-exam year groups (years 7 to 10 and year 12) with remote learning where resources permit. Support for remote learning will be dependent on staff capacity.*
- Vocational exams continue as planned.

Week commencing 11 January, 2021:

- Secondary schools start testing – prioritising staff and exam year pupils.
- Exam year pupils (year 11 and 13) return to school for face-to-face learning.
- Secondary schools will provide non-exam year groups (years 7 to 10 and year 12) with remote learning.

Week commencing 18 January, 2021

- Non exam year groups (years 7 to 10 and year 12) return to school for face-to-face learning.
- Testing rolled out for non-exam year groups.

All children should return to school as per the dates above unless they are designated as clinically extremely vulnerable – proof should be provided to the child's school in the form of a medical letter or previous shielding letter.

Children who are clinically extremely vulnerable will be support by the relevant school with remote learning resources.

Parents/carers who are clinically extremely vulnerable should speak to their child's school regarding pick-up and drop-off arrangements and any other support that may be needed.

Cllr Gareth Barnard, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning, said: "The Government's announcement yesterday made it clear that children should return for face-to-face learning as soon as practically possible.



“For Bracknell Forest primary schools that means children return to the classroom from 4 January. There is a staggered return to secondary school for face-to-face learning in January to allow for testing to be set up and rolled out. During this time, online learning will be made available in various forms.

“I’d like to reiterate that it’s really important for children’s intellectual and social education that they go to school and it’s also important for their mental health and wellbeing. For those reasons, I’m urging everyone with school aged children to make sure they go to school as per the advised dates unless they are designated as clinically extremely vulnerable, have COVID-19 symptoms, live with someone who has symptoms or have been told to self-isolate.

“This is yet another challenge for our schools in a very uncertain time; however, I’m confident that all our schools will rise to the challenge and provide the emotional, social and academic education our children need to thrive and develop.

“I would urge parents and carers to speak directly to their child’s school if they have concerns or enquiries so that these can be looked in to and appropriate advice and reassurance can be provided.”

More information about the Government’s announcement can be found at: [School contingency plans to be implemented as cases rise - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/school-contingency-plans-to-be-implemented-as-cases-rise)



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The government has today, Wednesday 30 December, responded to rapidly rising case rates due to the new, more transmissible variant of coronavirus by triggering the education contingency framework ...

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NOTES

Some Bracknell Forest primary schools have planned inset days w/c January 4. Parents should check directly with their child’s school for the exact return date.

*Resources could include online learning packs and guides rather than virtual lessons. Each school will provide as much as they can within teaching and support resources/ capacity available.

