

parents newsletter



20th August 2020

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for your children's return to school in September we need to make sure that everyone is safe, secure, and supported. Brooklands is taking huge measures to ensure we minimise the risk of any spread of the virus within the school environment, including extra hygiene and cleaning, and staggered lunch and play times to make sure there's a minimum interaction between children.

In ordinary times, the start of a new school year heralds anticipation and excitement. Given that this September will be different, with a great many unknowns, feelings of uncertainty and anxiety are likely to be heightened both for you and your children. And whilst you will be keen to see the sights and sounds of your children laughing and running around on the playground, saying hello to their friends and teachers, their wellbeing will be an absolute priority. As parents you can help us support your children in the Autumn by reassuring your child that feelings of anxiety or upset are normal, especially at times of uncertainty. What's important is that they feel comfortable sharing these feelings if they need or want to and reassuring them that they will be supported if they are struggling.

Brooklands is keen for our classrooms to be filled once more with smiles and friendships and we will continue to support each other in the ways we always have.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Indoor jungle

Prior to COVID-19, several visitors positively commented on the indoor plants we have around school and our classrooms have recently been rejuvenated with plants, helping to make our environment a little bit greener, cleaner and happier.



Attendance

It is vital that children return to school for their educational progress and wellbeing. Education guidelines state that attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. Consequently, parents should plan their holidays within school holidays and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time.

COVID-19

Brooklands has its own health and safety risk assessment as part of its planning for the autumn term. This is available to view on the school website.

Uniform

If you are purchasing uniform ready for September, please note that jumpers and cardigans can be purchased online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/> and need to have the school logo on.

Forest School Begins Again

In the autumn term Brooklands will resume Forest School. In line with the latest guidance for schools on Forest School activities we will be taking a number of steps to reduce risks. We have also targeted selected volunteers to support these visits.

FaceBook

We have recently created a Brooklands Facebook page for prospective parents. We would love you to share this with families moving in to the area or with those who have children starting school in September 2021.

Wet Play

We have recently purchased new 'wet play' games to engage our children during rainy breaktimes. Games such as Chess and Draughts for example.

Keeping Up With Technology

Brooklands continues to invest in additional technology. We have recently purchased 30 more Chromebooks for use across Year 5 and Year 6.