

parents newsletter



2nd September 2020

Dear Parents,

We all hoped that, by September, COVID-19 would be a distant memory, and the back-to-school season would be coloured only by autumnal leaves and grass stains on uniforms. Unfortunately, COVID-19 remains a lingering issue.

Back to school is an exciting time for children, filled with the excitement of what the new school year will bring and the fun activities they will experience with friends. Ordinarily the last thing on children's minds is their safety, however, this year will be slightly different.

Now is the perfect time to take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the guidance for parents and reassure yourself of the measures we are taking. Please don't be afraid to ask questions. Never feel like you're being too careful, or asking too much. Ultimately, we are trying to achieve the same goal and we want our children to be happy, focused on friendship and excited about learning.

All staff at Brooklands recognise our responsibilities. You send your children through our school's doors for upwards of six hours each day. You give us the enormous privilege of 'lending' us your most loved family members, and so, in return, we know how important it is that you feel reassured at this time. We want you to feel confident that your children are in safe hands whilst at the same time enabling us to see delight on their faces as they bounce through the school doors every day, eager to be back and trying new things.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Head Boy and Head Girl

Each year staff identify a Head Girl and Head Boy that demonstrate star qualities that reflect Brooklands' values. Their roles are key in school life and help the leadership team during events throughout the school year.

Following on from Cameron and Maisey's online success last year, our new Head Boy and Head Girl will also take on a key role in uniting our community remotely.

Sharing and Support

We have recently shared a SurveyMonkey on ClassDojo. This we hope will give parents the opportunity to share any information they think may be relevant to their child's return to school. This may be a change in family circumstances such as bereavement or separation. Or it may be to share any worries your child is facing. This information will be shared with relevant staff and help us know how to best support your child.

Welcoming New Faces

As well as our children starting school this September, Brooklands will be welcoming eight new faces and their families. Look out for new faces on the playground and say hello if you get the chance.

COVID-19 Protocols

Protective measures parents can help support. Brooklands will have staggered start and finish times as this helps keep groups apart as they arrive and leave the premises.

- Only one parent can accompany their child(ren) at drop off/collection.
- Once parents have dropped off/collected they should leave the premises immediately. Do not linger.
- Please stick to the agreed timings.
- Observe social distancing at all times.
- Back gate and path will not be open.



Keep
1m apart



Wash
your hands



Please
don't loiter

- We will not be accepting forgotten belongings during the school day.
- Do not visit the school office unless you have an appointment. For exceptional circumstances (medical reasons), Phone 01206 392291 on arrival.