

Headteacher's Welcome Back Message

I would like to welcome back our returning pupils and their families, and a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, as well as new staff, as they begin their journey with us! It has been wonderful to see classrooms filled with pupils learning and a powerful reminder of the importance of education on academic, social and personal development. We have missed our pupils, and some have even been brave enough to admit that they have missed school!

We have welcomed our pupils under challenging circumstances and must commend all of you for obeying the protocols that we have implemented. These protocols are important for all of us to adhere to for the safety of all.

Thank you to all the families who attended the Parent Consultations on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of September. This was an important opportunity for families and teachers to meet and share vital information about medical and academic needs. If you have not had a meeting with your teacher, it is essential that you contact the office by Monday to book a suitable time and date.

Our main objective for Autumn Term 1 is Mental Health and Wellbeing for our pupils and their families as well as staff. I have been speaking with pupils about meeting challenges with positivity, kindness and resilience. Those are qualities which we have demonstrated throughout and which we will draw upon for life reflected in our ethos of the 6Rs. We have retained a full and balanced curriculum for all year groups and are operating a full timetable with a full range of subjects. Despite the many challenges we face, we remain firm in our affirmation to provide the best educational experience for all our pupils at Brookside Primary.

I would like to thank you for all of your support over the past few months and as we approach this new future together. It is a great pleasure to once again see Brookside's corridors filled with smiles and learning as we work together on the best education possible, in the safest way possible.



Welcome our New Reception Children!

The new Reception class children were filled with excitement and were eager to meet their new class teacher and friends. Some families were quite astonished by how willing the children were to walk independently into their new classes. They have all settled in very well, with the right attitude to learn. Already, they have shown to be very resilient and responsible in their behaviour whilst understanding the challenges of COVID-19. Their faces beamed with joy as they engaged in a wide variety of structured play. This is a true testament to how much the children enjoyed their first day in Reception!



Reporting Absence

It is important to contact the School Office each morning before 9:15am if your child is absent from school. If your child has an appointment with the general practice (GP), dentist, or hospital, please bring in evidence to keep on your child's record. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless evidence is provided. Thank you for your support.

Personal Details

Please ensure you provide the School Office with your most recent and up-to-date details including, changes to address, telephone numbers or email contact. Please also provide the School Office with your child's up-to-date medication, including inhalers, spacers and EPIPENS. Thank you.

Cashless Catering System

Please note that the School has introduced a cashless catering system over the lockdown period. Parents, guardians and carers have been asked to set up their online accounts, enabling them to pay for their child's school meals using our online payment system. Our online payment facility will allow you to pay for your child's school meals directly and securely and will provide you with a convenient, safe and verifiable way of making payments. You would have all received a letter outlining the process of this new payment method, including a link for registration. If you have not received your registration number, please contact the School on 020 8845 6634 or via email brooksideprimary@trhat.org. **Please ensure all free school meals are pre-selected for your children weekly.**

iPayimpact System


As you are aware, we have recently introduced iPayimpact which is an online payment system for lunch and uniform orders. As with any new platform, we are experiencing some delays in processing requests and we ask for your patience as we work with the providers to correct all issues. We ask that you continue to raise these issues with us so we can resolve them in a timely manner. Thank you for your continued support and patience in this matter.

Drop-off and Collection Times

We kindly ask all parents, guardians and carers to wear face masks whilst onsite and adhere to the start and end times so we remain compliant with government guidelines for COVID-19. Please arrive at your allocated time slot so we are able to ensure that children remain in their respective bubbles. Please note we will only allow one adult to drop and collect children to minimise numbers. Thank you.

School Uniform Protocol

All parents, guardians and carers are requested to wash uniform daily. We are aware it can be challenging to wash blazers daily so please ensure these are washed weekly and disinfected daily. Physical Education (PE) kits will no longer be kept on site. Thank you.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 14th September</i>	
	MENU 2	
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings <i>(sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)</i>	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Apple Pie</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

Terms and Holidays - 2020 to 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training: (All day)	Wednesday 2nd September 2020 [Training – all day]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Thursday 3rd September 2020 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Friday 4th September 2020 (All year groups)
Half Term:	Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2020
Term Ends:	Friday 18th December 2020

Free School Meal - Application Process

Free School Meals is a statutory means-tested benefit, which provides a child with meals at school for free. If you believe you may be entitled to your child receiving free school meals, please contact the School office. The member of staff on reception will also be able to advise you on the process for claiming free school meals. Please note that this benefit must be reapplied for each year.

Online Learning Resources

Pupils are requested to continue with their online learning via Purple Mash and Bug Club. Class teachers will continue to mark work upon completion of set tasks. Please note that progress can only be monitored and assessed if pupils continue to complete tasks in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office if you have any difficulties with login details.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/brookside-ub4>