

Brookwood Primary News



Friday 28th August 2020

I hope you are all enjoying the end of the summer break. This week has been particularly busy at school as we make our final preparations for opening next Thursday.

Staff have never been as excited to return to school and can't wait to welcome all children back - particularly children we haven't seen since March. We are very aware that returning to school will be a big adjustment for your children and I can reassure you that their wellbeing will be at the heart of all lesson planning.

It is with a mixture of disappointment and excitement that I share the news that both Amy Alden and Lorna Armstrong will be leaving Brookwood. Disappointment as they will both be hugely missed but exciting as they move on to new and exciting opportunities.

Amy Alden will be relocating with her family through a military move. Amy has been a key member of our staffing team and has made a huge difference. Working so closely with the office team has really highlighted to me the importance and profile of Amy's role and the impact she has on staff, children, parents and prospective parents. I am pleased Amy will remain in school for the first three weeks of September and we wish her all the very best as she moves to her new home.

After graduation with a first class honours degree, Lorna Armstrong has been offered an exciting opportunity to utilise her qualification at another school and I know you will join me in wishing her all of the best in this new and exciting role. I know Mrs Armstrong will be very successful but she will also be hugely missed. We will miss her creativity, artistic talent and attention to detail but more importantly we are losing a great colleague, good friend and long serving member of the team.

I know you will join me in wishing both Mrs Alden and Mrs Armstrong all the best and thank them for their dedication and commitment to Brookwood.

I have re-attached the letter sent in July detailing our plans for full re-opening and have also added some common questions (with answers) raised by parents which may help you. Furthermore, I have included our approach to face coverings on Page 2 of the newsletter.

Finally, I will be creating a video to detail where to pick up and drop off your child on our first day but please be reassured that there will be plenty of signage and staff to guide your children into their new class.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you and your children on Thursday 3rd September.

David Gunning
Head of School

Music at Brookwood

If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument then please email the school:

homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk

We currently offer piano, drums, guitar and ukulele.

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Face coverings in primary, infant and early years settings

You will be aware that there has been considerable debate over the wearing of face coverings in public places, and that this debate has now extended to their use in schools. The government issued [guidance to schools](#) on 26th August 2020.

As you are aware, Brookwood Primary School is part of the Bourne Education Trust, and all its schools have worked collaboratively and successfully since lockdown to ensure a high-quality educational provision, and to provide as safe a framework as possible under which a full return to school next week can be envisaged.

In order to allay any anxieties, and to reduce confusion about what is required, Brookwood will **not** be requiring its primary pupils to wear face coverings, nor will it require its staff to do so. However, should parents or carers wish their child to wear a covering at school, please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk

Please be assured that we will continuously review our plans for the return to school in line with government guidelines.

Vacancies

Please see our vacancies page on our website:

<https://www.brookwood.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=12>

If you are interested in any of the roles advertised we would love to hear from you.



10 FREE Tables and chairs

If you are interested in a free desk and chairs then please email homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk to arrange collection.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child need to bring a bag to school and what should they bring?

Yes. Children should bring a bag with a named filled water bottle, snack (must be a fruit or vegetable) and their reading book. Children will come dressed for PE on their designated day each week. PE Kit may include tracksuit bottoms and the school jumper.

Will my child need to bring trainers or plimsolls to school?

No. Children should only wear trainers on their designated PE day and plimsolls will not be required.

Can my child bring a snack to school?

Yes. All children should bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) to school which they will be given time to eat mid-morning.

What if my children have different start and finish times? For example: a child in Year 2 starting at 8.40am and a child in reception starting at 8.45am

We would advise you to drop your child in Year 2 at 8.40am and wait until your child in reception is invited in at 8.45am, ensuring you remain 2 metres apart from other families. In the same way after school, please collect children in reception or KS1 at 3.10pm before moving across to KS2 to collect at 3.15pm. We will monitor our dropping off and collection arrangements during the first week and review our approach if necessary.

Will reading books be sent home each day?

Yes. Reading books will continue to be sent home as normal to allow families to read with their children at home.

I am concerned that my child has fallen behind in their school work—what will school be doing to support them?

As a school we share your concerns and understand that some children have not been in school for a very long time. Our focus is on the children's wellbeing and making sure they feel happy and safe in school. However, we will also be carefully assessing the children's academic levels once they are settled and adapting our plans to help all children catch up on the time missed in school.

If you have any more questions that haven't been answered then please email homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk