



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for considering our school for your child. You are fortunate to be in an area where you are surrounded by good schools, all of which provide an all-round good education for their pupils. However, this provides you with the challenge of how to make a choice between the different schools! I will try to help you, in this letter, by explaining why Brookwood is different and what makes us special, and would encourage you to come and visit us to find out more.

We are a small school. Brookwood has just one class per year group, each with up to 30 children, and being smaller provides us with many advantages. It helps us create a strong and nurturing family atmosphere where our support for pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding (Ofsted 2018). Our mission is to provide a great education for every child, and we are proud that we fully understand each child's individual strengths and needs, and ensure that these are provided for. Recent parental feedback confirmed that "the staff ... know the children inside out" (Ofsted 2018). We individualise learning throughout the day, meeting the next learning challenge for each child.

Our pupils achieve great results. Our children's outcomes are very strong - consistently significantly above the national average for children achieving age-related expectations in reading, writing and mathematics. Whether a child is at Brookwood for seven years or seven months, we focus strongly on pupil's progress. Our strong pupil outcomes are a result of this, not of teaching to the test or relentless SATs practice.

Our Early Years provision is outstanding. Our youngest children make a superb start to school, thriving in a well-planned environment which is keenly focused on promoting learning through a range of experiences, both inside and outdoors (Ofsted 2018). We understand that starting school can be an emotional time, and we have well-established transitional arrangements in place to support both children and families, alleviating any worries and building a relationship with you before you join us.

We have a distinctive curriculum. We have chosen to use the International Primary Curriculum which encourages our children to develop the knowledge, skills and values they need for their future lives and careers. In addition to the National Curriculum, we teach skills including collaboration, innovation and problem solving, creativity and emotional intelligence. We offer a vast array of experiences which prepare our children for the challenges of life beyond school and an appreciation of their world.

Every pupil at Brookwood attends our Forest School every year. This is a fantastic experience, offered through a dedicated Forest School Zone, which further develops children's resilience and fosters a love of the outdoors. As a result, pupils are extremely tolerant and respectful of other people (Ofsted, 2018).

Brookwood pupils' behaviour is impeccable. They are exceptionally polite and courteous. The atmosphere in and around school is calm and focused on learning (Ofsted 2018). We build our behaviour and reward system around the Brookwood 6, the expression of our values. Everyone in school follows the Brookwood 6 and, as a result, behaviour is Outstanding.

We offer all of this within **stunning and extensive grounds** which include a playground, wooded area, playing field, wildlife pond and a dedicated Forest School zone.

We welcome visits so that you can learn more about what we can offer. Although we publish a list of tour dates on our website, we are very happy to accommodate visits at other times if these are not convenient. Please call us on 01483 473315 to make arrangements or just pop in and speak to a member of our team.

We look forward to meeting you and your family and hope you will be assured that, if you choose Brookwood, your children will be nurtured and encouraged to achieve their potential.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Green', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jo Green, Headteacher