



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that you are considering Brookwood School for your child. As Head of School, I am incredibly privileged to lead a school full of inspirational children and staff. My vision is to create a school which provides unconditional care and unrivalled opportunities to the children. In addition, I want the school to be at the heart of the village and to be something that the whole community is proud of and part of. Following on from our excellent Ofsted inspection in 2018, we want to continue the journey towards outstanding in all areas and in doing so, making sure the wellbeing of children and families is at the heart of everything we do. I have detailed below what makes Brookwood so special and would really encourage you to come and visit us to find out more.

**We are a small school.** We have 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 created our own broad and balanced 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 here 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 School, your children will be nurtured and encouraged to achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Gunning".

David Gunning

Head of School