



Dear Parents,

At Brookwood School, we are immensely proud of the fact that we educate children from service families. As the closest school to the Alexander and Elizabeth Barracks, and with the highest proportion of children from service families in the local area, we have a long and successful history of working with soldiers, their families, unit welfare and the Chain of Command to make your posting a positive one.

As a family with a serving parent, you face challenges. You move frequently; you have little or no choice about where you will relocate or the timing of your move; you often leave friends and family far away, and the jobs you do when you arrive can involve long periods away from home, often on active duty. Our aim is to make your experience in finding a school stress-free; and to offer you an assurance that a place at Brookwood School means that your child will be well-supported, nurtured and encouraged to succeed.

We offer the following benefits for our service families to ensure the best possible school experience:

- **A friendly, welcoming and nurturing environment with a family feel** – as a unique, small and community-oriented school, we get to know your children and their needs intimately and we are wholly committed to working in partnership with you to give them the opportunities they need to thrive.
- **OUTSTANDING provision for Early Years, Pupil Behaviour and Personal Development and Welfare** (Ofsted 2018) - our passion is to develop the whole child, celebrate strengths and work with your children to maximise their individual potential.
- **A dedicated pastoral support team** – working with you to help settle your children and your family, and to get to know the school and the area.
- **A free breakfast club for service families** – to support your children to build confidence and make friends, and to develop their skills and knowledge through a range of activities.
- **A unique Forest School programme** – a fantastic experience for all children in a dedicated Forest School zone, providing a variety of enrichment opportunities, building confidence and self-esteem, and encouraging children to embrace our local environment.
- **A core curriculum that develops strong intellectual, creative and physical skills for your children** - we actively encourage children to seek out new knowledge, to think for themselves and to apply their learning, and provide access to a vast array of experiences, all of which prepare them for the challenges of life beyond school and an appreciation of their world.
- **Stunning and extensive grounds** - these include a playground, wooded area, playing field, wildlife pond and a dedicated Forest School zone. The children love our outdoor activity trails, stage and quiet seating areas.

We receive the **Service Pupil Premium** to support your child's wellbeing and education, and constantly review and update our approach to ensure what we do continues to meet the needs of our children. Please visit the Service Pupil Premium page on our website for more information on this.

We strongly encourage you to **come and visit us** to learn more about what we can offer and how we can support your child and family. We do often have spaces across the school because of rebasing and trickle posting, and so can give you an immediate indication of availability. 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 sharing more information about our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Gunning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'G'.

David Gunning

Head of School