

THE BROOK BROADCAST

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OF OUR SPARKLY STARS!

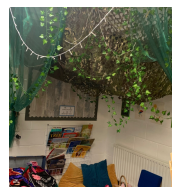
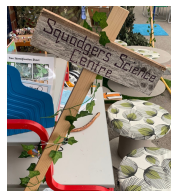
We hope you have all had a good summer, even if it has been different to our usual summer breaks.

This week, it has simply been a complete joy to welcome all of our existing children and their families back to Brook Infant School and Nursery. It has also been wonderful to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children in for their 'Home Style Visits' and 'Stay and Play' sessions in our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) outside areas. Welcome to our community. You are now officially 'Brookies'!

It is lovely to hear the building ringing with laughter again and to be able to walk around and see all of our sparkling stars 'Learning with Love and Laughter'. The children have all been an absolute credit to you all and have come back to school so well. They make us so proud.

As per usual, our wonderful teaching team have gone the extra mile and have created the most amazing learning environments for the children. Whilst our classrooms all meet with government guidance, you will notice that they are not sterile spaces and the children are not being sat 'forward facing'. This is because we can meet the guidance in other ways and we know that this is not how young children learn.

Please see the photographs below that show what amazing spaces have been created to inspire and immerse our Year One and Two children in their woodland learning. We will share images next week of the Nursery and Reception environments for you all.



TEST AND TRACE

it is important that children and staff do not attend school if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days. **If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a high temperature; a new, continuous dry cough; or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. They will be expected to be tested for Covid-19** – Follow this link to find out more about getting a test ... <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

The NHS consider a **high temperature** to mean they feel hot to touch on their chest or back, and in fact they state that they do not need their temperature taken, however, we will use non-contact thermometers to help us in this situation. They consider a **new and persistent cough** to mean they are coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or they have three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, or that an existing cough becomes worse than usual. Finally the NHS state that **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

In line with the guidance, we will NOT notify parents and carers when we have someone sent home with potential symptoms of Coronavirus as this potentially panics people for no reason. Instead, we will carefully follow the protocols given to us. However, if we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus within the school; or if a member of staff or child has been with someone who has a confirmed case; or if we have information coming direct to us by 'Test and Trace' we will strictly follow the test and trace processes. We will be in close contact with Public Health England and the National Institute for Health Protection so we are able to follow their procedures should they be necessary.

When someone displays symptoms, that person needs to isolate with anyone they live with, along with anyone in their support bubble, until the person with the symptoms gets their test result. If the result is negative, everyone can return to normal. If the test is positive, the person with Covid-19 has to isolate for **AT LEAST** 10 days or until they feel better. The household must isolate for the full 14 days from when the symptoms first appeared in their family member.

Please see the grids below for more detailed information.

| What to do if ... | Action needed by member of year group bubble | Code for Register | Return to school when ... |
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| ... a member of the year group bubble has coronavirus symptoms. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate. Get a test. Inform school immediately about test result. | X | ... the test comes back negative and they feel well. |
| ... a member of the year group bubble tests positive for coronavirus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate for at least 10 days. Inform school immediately about test result. | I | ... they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days, even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. |
| ... somebody in the household of a member of the year group bubble has coronavirus symptoms. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate. Household member to get a test. Inform school immediately about test result. | X | ... the household member's test comes back negative. |
| ... somebody in the household of a member of the year group bubble has tested positive for coronavirus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate for 14 days. | X | ... the member of the year bubble has completed 14 days of self isolated. |

| What to do if ... | Action needed by member of year group bubble | Code for Register | Return to school when ... |
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| ... NHS Test and Trace have identified a member of the year group bubble as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate for 14 days. | X | ... the member of the year bubble has completed 14 days of self isolated. |
| ... a member of the year group bubble has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice when booking travel. Provide information to school as per attendance policy. <p>RETURNING FROM A DESTINATION WHERE QUARANTINE IS NEEDED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school daily. Self-isolate for 14 days. | I | ... the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed. |
| ... a member of the year group bubble has received advice that they must resume shielding. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come into school. Contact school as required by the pastoral team. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. | X | ... school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and the member of the year group bubble can return to school again. |

STAY SAFE!



Although we have returned to school, the government continues to ask us to remember that we are still dealing with a pandemic and therefore we have to ensure that we follow the guidelines and rules that are being set. One of the most important things still being asked of us, is that although we can meet up in small groups, we must currently maintain our social distancing from people beyond those in our household and this remains at two metres, or one metre plus (meaning with masks, screens, being back to back, etc.) but only if there is no option for two metres.

We now have 'Test and Trace' more fully operational and so we all need to be mindful of how we can minimise the possibility of us being asked to self isolate for 14 days. The more places we go and the more people we connect with, the greater the risk of self-isolation being needed.

We want all of our children to return and stay in school, without having to have time away due to the need to self-isolate, so we hope we can work together to achieve this if at all possible.

ONLINE SAFETY!

This week we have heard a few of our children talking about things they have seen on their handheld technology that has left them feeling worried or frightened. As they have chatted it has become clear that many are using YouTube and games such as Roblox and we think they have either seen pop up adverts or have clicked onto the suggested videos at the side of what they are watching.



I am writing this, just to remind everyone that even if the game is age appropriate or the film they are watching seems to be, there is little or no filtering of the adverts and suggested films. Parents can go into the device settings and apply filters (normally this will then not allow YouTube); or they can download YouTube Kids or KidsTube instead; and/or, like I have to do with my two older boys, they can be aware of what is being watched to try to protect children.



It is just this week that the media shared how people are embedding horrific scenes of suicide into what initially look innocent TikTok videos about puppies or cats for example. Although our children are well under the age for accessing TikTok (as it is for 13 years and above), we know that many potentially view it with their older siblings.



We simply are reminding all parents of the online dangers, because we all simply want to ensure our children are as safe as possible online and also do not see things in childhood that they can never forget.



THANK YOU!

Thank you all for helping us in this more challenging time by following all of our rules and routines at drop off and pick up time. We greatly appreciate your help and support.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND OUR SPARKLY FISH!

As you know, the guidance states that we are unable to have whole school assemblies at the moment and so we are unable to come together as a whole school community to celebrate the children's birthdays and sparkly fish awards.



However, as a team, we know how important these things are to our little people and so, on a Friday morning, we will be having a short celebration assembly in our year group bubbles. The birthdays from the year group will be celebrated at this time and children who have had a birthday during the week can wear their home clothes to school on the relevant Friday. The children will still be given their sticker and a special pencil during this time.

Sadly, the children cannot bring in sweets or cakes to hand out on their birthdays as this does not meet with our Covid19 restrictions.

The children being awarded a sparkly fish will hear the reason for the award being read out and they will still decorate their fish for our board in the hall. However, they will also be given another fish to bring home for their family to share together. We will endeavour to share electronically each week the awards that have been given out. Watch this space!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14th September 2020 - PE Coaching for Year Two children (Weekly until the end of November).

Tuesday 15th September - PE Coaching for Year Two children (weekly until the end of November).

Tuesday 22nd September 2020 - Forest School Sessions for Badgers - [separate letter sent out today to Year Two families.](#)

Tuesday 13th October 2020 - Individual Photographs for the Whole School and Nursery.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Flu Nasal Sprays for all Children - separate pack coming home soon.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Forest School Session for Squirrels - [separate letter sent out today to Year Two families.](#)

Friday 23rd October 2020 - School Breaks for Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Back to School

Tuesday 24th November - Forest School Session



Brook Infant School and Nursery

Welcome to our new school website!



NEW WEBSITE

Please remember we have a new website ... www.brookinfant.school. We really hope you like it and you find the information useful.