

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Today marks the end of our fourth week of the summer term. We hope that you continue to find the home learning resources useful. We appreciate the difficulties many of our families are facing at present and understand how challenging home education can be. If there is any further guidance or support you need, please get in touch.

Current situation

Each day a team of staff are in school educating a small group of children who are currently eligible to attend the setting (children of critical workers and vulnerable children).

We are on hand to deal with any queries from parents and therefore have a member of staff leading the office each day to answer telephone calls.

If you do need to get in touch, please don't hesitate to call the office or email BR-admin@vennacademy.org

Support for Social Emotional and Mental Health

These are challenging times for us all. The welfare of the Brooke children and families is important to us. We will continue to signpost our families to resources through our twitter page and hope that you find them useful.

We are carrying out weekly welfare calls to all of our families, so if you need any support please let the adult making the call know.

From Monday 18th May these calls will be carried out by a member of support staff.

Zoom

We appreciate that not all families will have the technology to access zoom. We are also aware that some families may choose not to join the meetings. However, the feedback from parents and children has been extremely positive so we will continue with these sessions until further notice.

A reminder of the times/days are below. These will occur weekly, including through the May half term holiday (Monday 25th – Friday 29th May)

	11.00am	12.30pm	2.00pm
Monday	Y2 Mrs Head		Y3 Miss Flaherty
Tuesday	Y1 Mr Moore	F2 Mrs Baxter	Y4 Miss Merry
Wednesday	Y4 Miss Jackson	Y5 Mrs Brady	F2 Mrs Aston
Thursday	Y3 Miss Gough	Y2 Miss Saul	Y6 Miss Jackson
Friday	Y1 Miss Hennigan	Y5 Mr Thomas	Y6 Mrs Marshall

School reopening proposal to years F1, F2, Y1 and Y6

Following on from the PM briefing last Sunday (10th May) we have been busy discussing plans for a possible reopening of the school to years F1, F2, Y1 and Y6. A letter regarding this can be found at

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/School-reopening-plans-from-1st-June.pdf>

I appreciate the anxieties and worries that parents may have about this and hope that the risk assessment that I have completed will support you in making an informed decision about whether your child returns on the 1st June. The risk assessment can be found on the school website at <https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-Risk-assessment-for-parents.docx>

As we find out more information from the government I will update the risk assessment and inform parents of any changes.

Our plans for the reopening depend on a number of factors including the number of children wanting to return and staff availability. To help us plan for this please can **ALL** parents of F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 children complete the survey below. Each year group has a unique link, so please only complete the survey linked to your child's year group.

F1 - <https://forms.gle/VVbC49dctr1SrBoy5>

F2 - <https://forms.gle/Vu6fAhK3qnGqpVSg8>

Y1 - <https://forms.gle/xsV1Km2SZW1MfcJ77>

Y6 - <https://forms.gle/hkHFyq4bTzsvTvpU8>

Please complete the link by Tuesday 19th May.

Critical workers

Our school continues to be open full time to children of critical workers and those children identified as vulnerable. If you are a critical worker and find that your circumstances change, requiring you to need a place in school for your child, please email BR-admin@vennacademy.org, providing a week's notice if possible. We will then send you a link to a survey to complete. Receiving the link means that your child has been allocated a place

Provision for the Summer holidays

I am uncertain whether we will be able to keep the school open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children over the summer holiday (Monday 20th July onwards).

We are currently considering whether we can open 3-2-6 club. This is a chargeable service available to all parents and carers. If you need to use this service please ring us on 01405 812200 or email BR-adin@vennacademy.org by Friday 5th June. Provision will be based on uptake. We will then let you know if we are able to offer this.

Classes/teachers for September 2020

This is often a factor on the mind of many of our parents. As a parent of a child moving into year 3 in September I appreciate how anxious parents can be about finding out their child's new teacher and class members.

We will be working on this very soon and aim to get the information out to parents by **Friday 12th June** (week 2 of summer 2).

Transition

Each year we work hard to make transition to a new year group as smooth and supportive as possible for our children.

Obviously, this year transition may need to happen in a different way. We are currently making plans for this and regardless of whether the children have returned to school or not, we will make every effort to make this as effective as possible.

Change of school day consultation

Please remember to let us know your thoughts by the 1st June. The letter can be found at <https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Changes-to-school-day.pdf>



We will continue to provide the following weekly resources until further notice:

- Home Learning PowerPoints, accessed through our academy website
- Purple Mash activities
- Twitter posts to share new resources and activities

In addition, Mr England who leads Music at the Academy, is able to provide Y3 – Y6 children will access to our online music resources. At the academy we teach music through an online resource called Charanga

<https://charanga.com/site>

If you would like access to this site for your child please email BR-admin@vennacademy.org and he will be in touch to organise this for you.

A general reminder that there are some excellent resources online. These 2 websites are particularly useful:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

We are looking forward to seeing the children soon but meanwhile stay safe, stay well and enjoy these precious times together.

Mrs Emma Levers and everyone at Brooke Primary Academy