

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

We hope all of our families are safe and well and you have enjoyed the glorious weather this week.

We are working very hard in school to ensure everything is ready for the children's full return in September. We expect an announcement from the government in the next few weeks detailing information which will allow us to plan for September.

Some of the questions we have include:

- Bubbles - numbers of children allowed in each class or bubble, which is currently 15. If this does not increase to 30+ then we will not be able to get all of the children into school full time.
- Mixing – Can we provide activities that 'mix' children from different classes including, lunch time and break time, after school clubs and daily assemblies.

Factors we are currently considering include:

- Catch up – How do we support the children to 'catch up' lost learning? How will this affect our new curriculum?
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health support – how do we support the children to return and re-embed good learning behaviours?

School reopening

So far we have planned reopening to F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 and continue to provide places for children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

We currently have 11 bubbles in operation, with another 5 starting over the next 3 weeks.

If your child has been allocated a place we recommend that you read this letter

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/parent-letter-for-children-attending-school-during-COVID-19.pdf>

We would like to extend provision further so that all year groups have had the option to return before the summer, albeit part-time.

We would like the parents of Y3, Y4 and Y5 children to complete the respective survey below by **Tuesday 30th June**. **We cannot guarantee** that we can accommodate all of the children as it will depend on capacity, however we will try our best.

- Year 3 parents - <https://forms.gle/jCzP96QeHc635bM49>
- Year 4 parents - <https://forms.gle/A7nhQwwdvUtmxCqm7>
- Year 5 parents - <https://forms.gle/R2sfv3Ee3mLzs1EE7>

Year 6 transition and end of term arrangements letter

Please can the parents of Y6 children read this letter, which is also available on our website.

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/y6-letter-1.pdf>

Transition plans

Please read the following letter regarding our current transition arrangements. This letter details the dates of Zoom calls.

<https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Transition-arrangements-for-Sept.pdf>

Transition Powerpoints from each class teacher will be available on our website from Monday. It is advised that parents look at this before their Zoom call, in case there is anything that raises questions. Zoom calls start next week (Wednesday).

Annual reports

We are planning to send these to parents by email this year. Email addresses have been taken from parent school grid accounts. The reports will be password protected, so you will receive a separate email containing the password.

Change in the school day

Back in May we started the consultation regarding a change in the school week; closing early (1.45pm) on a Thursday to enable teachers to take their statutory PPA and extending the school day to 3.15 across the week.

The Thursday early closure would affect children in F2 – Y6 (not Nursery) however children of working parents would have the option to keep their child in school on a Thursday afternoon. These children will be supported in clubs by support staff and external providers.

The responses from parents (5 in total) staff and governors have been considered and it has been decided that the change **will go ahead from September as a trial for the Autumn term.**

One point that was raised was the choice of day (Thursday), with a parent suggesting that a Friday would be more favourable. The negative impact that closing on a Friday could have on attendance, with parents possibly not sending children Friday morning to enable them to go on holiday sooner, was too great to be able to do this. The Local Authority attendance target is 97%, which we have not met for the last 5 years. Therefore, we are unable to accommodate this suggestion.

We are now asking working parents who require a place for their child at a club on a Thursday afternoon to complete this survey. To clarify, the clubs are free however we have the following expectations:

- Children will remain in school until 3.15pm
- Children who do not attend each week will lose their place.

Please complete this by **Wednesday 8th June**. It is essential that the survey is completed to obtain a place as we will plan clubs based on the numbers.

<https://forms.gle/P9PLP4ngV8Me3sTC6>



Summer 2 Week 4

W/E 26th June 2020



There are 3 weeks until the final day of term on Friday 17th July. We have been informed today that the government do not expect schools to remain open over the summer holiday and therefore we will close on Friday 17th and reopen on Wednesday 2nd September.

Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend.

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School