

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Zoom calls

The calls between September class teachers and children have gone really well this week. Next week the calls will return to the current class teachers to say farewell to the children for the summer. The timetable for calls is below:

Current Teacher Zoom call with children	Monday 13th July	F1 Mrs Whitfield	F2 Mrs Aston	Y1 Mr Moore	Y1 Miss Hennigan	Y2 Mrs Head
	Tuesday 14th July	Y2 Miss Saul	Y3 Miss Gough	Y3 Miss Flaherty	Y4 Miss Merry	Y4 Miss Jackson
	Wednesday 15th July	Y5 Mrs Brady	Y5 Mr Thomas	Y6 Mrs Marshall	Y6 Miss Jackson	
	Thursday 16th July		F2 Mrs Baxter/Brown			

Annual reports

We have started sending our reports by email this week. We are aiming to get all reports out by **Wednesday 15th July**. Please contact the school office if you have not received the report by then.

Your child's class teacher has written the report to reflect their assessment as of the last data point in Spring, which occurred just before school closure. You will see that the box for 'child's comments' is blank as we have been unable to obtain the child's voice this year. In addition, the attendance percentage contained in the report is your child's attendance up to school closure on the 20th March.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's report, please contact the school office and we will organise for the class teacher to make contact with you.

Library Books

If your child is currently attending school please send their library book in with them next week. Children who are currently not attending school should return them next week (current Y6) or in September.

Lost Property

During school closure we have 'gutted' every room, drawer and cupboard and now have a very large pile of lost property. Anything that is labelled with a child's name will be returned to them in September. Unlabelled items will be available for parents to look through. If your child has lost something and you wish to try and find it, you can look through lost property on the following dates:

- Thursday 3rd September from 1.30pm – EYFS & KS1
- Thursday 10th September from 1.30pm – KS2

The lost property will be left on display in the bungalow garden. Staff will be present to support and ensure social distancing is applied.

If your child is in the current Y6 cohort and you would like to come and search for lost items prior to us closing for the summer, please call into school.

Farewell

Since my last update we have had some more staffing changes:

Mrs Harhoff will be taking a 2 year career break and embarking on an exciting learning journey of her own, starting a HND in Social and Community Work at Doncaster University Centre. She won't leave us completely and is hoping to complete some of the placements at the Academy and will return to us in 2 years to put her new skills into practice!

Ms Knowles is moving out of the area to start a new chapter in her life with her new partner.

We wish them both lots of happiness.

Thursday afternoon school closure

The survey is now closed. We will contact parents next week if we have any questions about your response. We will confirm that your child has a place in school before we close for the summer.

This link details some of the FAQs that have been asked about this <https://brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Newsletter-Summer-2-Week-5-WE-03-07-20.pdf>

September reopening

The measures we have put in place so far to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus have been effective and we have not had any outbreaks in school. In order to thoroughly assess the measures we have in place for September I will be working on the updated risk assessment over the Summer Break. I will be using the government guidance to do this <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

As soon as this is done I will publish the plans on our website. However below is a list of FAQ which parents need to be aware of in order to make plans for their child's return:

Q: Will the children return fully in September?

A: Yes, as per the Government guidance, attendance will now be mandatory for all children who are of statutory school age. We will have slightly different arrangements for all F1 and F2 children. Further details will follow.

Q: Will children be required to wear uniform in September?

A: Yes, we ask that our normal uniform is worn and washed regularly.

Q: Will the children have a staggered start / end of day routine?

A: Yes. Parents who only have one child attending our school should drop off their child at 8.45pm and collect at 3.00pm. Parents who have more than one child attending our school should drop off at 9.00am and collect at 3.15pm.

Q: Will there be different routines for dropping off and collecting children?

A: Yes, we are currently assessing entry and exit points to the school grounds. This will be communicated through the risk assessment, once it is complete.

Q: Will children be in class / year group bubbles

A: Yes, to keep contact to a minimum we will keep children in class and year group bubbles where possible. We are considering 'phase' bubbles for some aspects of the school day.

Q: Will children be able to have a hot lunch?

A: Dolce, our lunch provider, has a new menu which will we communicate to parents. In order to keep transitions in school to a minimum we will re-organise how we run lunch times, keeping class/year group bubble's together. We are considering keeping children who bring a packed lunch in classrooms and only those who want a hot meal will come to the lunch hall, however once we have thoroughly assessed this, we will communicate the details to parents.

Q: Will breakfast club be available?

A: Yes. It will be organised differently, but it will still be enjoyable for the children. Again, children will play in their 'bubbles'

Q: Will there be after school provision i.e. 3-2-6 club / clubs run by external providers and staff

A: 3-2-6 club will be available; however places will be limited. We will prioritise children of critical workers. School staff and external providers will offer a limited number of clubs during the Autumn term, but we will limit attendee's to 'bubbles'.

Welfare calls

Next week is our last week of welfare calls. We will be using this as an opportunity to ask parents about their child's return to school in September. Government guidance detailing attendance from September can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Doncaster news

You can find the latest news from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, including Coronavirus updates and information for children transitioning to new schools here:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/news>

And finally, for this week...

Much has been published and broadcast in the media about recovery plans and catch up learning. Our priority in September is to settle the children back into school. I want to reassure you that we are putting together a measured and thoughtful programme, which will support the needs of each child.

Neither you nor your children have been on holiday during this period. You have all had a lot to deal with and the summer holiday is a time for you all to take a break from schoolwork without feeling anxious or guilty about it. Thank



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you for all that you have done to support your children since March; whatever you have managed to do will have been enough. Don't let the WhatsApp, Facebook or Mumsnet groups spook you into thinking otherwise!

Please continue to share stories, talk, laugh, play board games, build pillow forts and get outside. We will meet them wherever they are when they are back with us. Please take the time to enjoy the next few weeks without worrying about home schooling!

Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend.

Emma Levers

Head of School