



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

Coronavirus COVID-19

At Brookside the well-being, health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors is of the utmost priority.

We continue to receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England about coronavirus COVID-19. As you will be aware we have now entered the 'delay' phase and the decision has been made for schools to stay open at present. Schools have not been closed at this point as the doctors and scientists advising the government believe it is too early in the outbreak for this to be fully effective.

The new advice is that anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature should self-isolate for seven days. It is really important that children and adults follow this advice to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

To reduce the risk in school we are ensuring children and staff continue to wash their hands regularly. In addition, our cleaning team are working hard to ensure surfaces, door handles etc. are cleaned thoroughly.

In the event of Brookside having to close due to the coronavirus we will endeavour to provide work for children via online platforms to continue their learning during these unprecedented times. If any events need to be cancelled or postponed we will let you know. We are reviewing the situation daily and will keep you updated with any new information as and when we have it. The good news is that children do not appear to get severely ill from coronavirus. A poster with more information is on the final page of this newsletter.

Sport Relief

Children enjoyed 'climbing' the world's tallest buildings today as our Sport Relief challenge. Thank you to Mr Plumbe for organising this at Brookside. Thank you for your generous donations and sponsorship. We will let you know how much we raised when we have the total.

New Website

If you have visited our website in the last few days you will have noticed it has been redesigned. A massive thank you to Mrs Campbell (parent governor) who designed the wonderful new website for us. The address is still the same www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk

Mobile Phones

A reminder that if it is essential for pupils to bring a mobile phone to school that these need to be turned off before the child enters the school grounds and then handed into the school office where they will remain until the end of the day. Mobile phones should not be used on the school playground before or after school. Thank you for your support with this.

E-Safety – Gaming

Gaming is fun but be aware that it can be all consuming. Some things to consider:

- Use the gaming consoles' safety settings
- Agree with your child how much time they can spend playing online
- Pay attention to the PEGI (age) ratings and what they mean
- Remember that some online games have inbuilt chat functions

Be aware that your child might use servers or 3rd party applications to access interactive online communities

Some websites you might find useful –

www.safeinternet.org.uk/gaming

www.geekdad.com/category/gaming

Multi Skills Festival

On Thursday the children from year 2 went to the Sports Centre to take part in a Multi Skills festival. There were nearly 200 children taking part in a wide range of sporting activities, from badminton to boxing! The children absolutely loved it and had a fantastic time. It was amazing to see how well the children behaved and displayed their learning powers throughout the morning.

World Book Day

Well done to all children for dressing up for World Book Day last week and celebrating the joy of reading.



Attendance

Well done to Miss Wise's and Mrs Duncan's class for the highest attendances during the last two weeks.

	Week Beginning 2nd March	Week Beginning 9th March
Class BM	93.68%	91.67%
Class AV/NS	98.00%	97.79%
Class CP	94.81%	96.73%
Class AW	98.33%	95.93%
Class LD	97.93%	99.23%
Class FH	97.59%	97.06%
Class CC	96.33%	96.93%
Class RM/TS	95.71%	90.55%
Class CS	96.30%	87.04%

Dates for your diary

Parents' Evening Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

Final Assembly EYFS and Key Stage 1 9:15 a.m.

Key Stage 2 2:15 p.m.

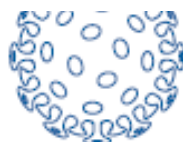
End of Term Friday 3rd April (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

