

Brockley Primary School  
Newsletter

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*The Brockley Way –  
‘Only my best is good  
enough’*

## Attendance Matters at Brockley

At Brockley Primary, we know that good attendance is key to your child's success. Every day in school helps children build confidence, friendships and essential skills for learning.

### Why attendance is so important

- Children who attend school regularly achieve better outcomes
- Learning builds day by day – missing lessons makes it harder to keep up
- Strong attendance helps children develop routine, resilience and social skills

### What good attendance looks like

- 98–100% – Excellent attendance
- 95–97% – Good, but there may be some gaps in learning
- Below 95% – Attendance begins to impact progress

Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks equals nearly 4 weeks of lost learning in a year.

### Our focus this term

We are continuing to work closely with families to support good attendance for every child.

- Celebrating strong attendance
- Supporting families where attendance is a concern
- Working together to remove barriers

### How you can help

- Ensure your child arrives on time every day
- Book appointments outside school hours where possible
- Let us know promptly if your child is ill
- Encourage your child and talk positively about school

### Need support?

We understand that sometimes there are challenges around attendance. Please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff, we are here to help. Together, we can make every school day count!



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



## Outdoor Play and Clothing Expectations (OPAL)

At Brockley, we are really proud of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. It allows children to explore, take manageable risks, build confidence and develop important social skills through high-quality outdoor play. To make sure all children can enjoy these opportunities safely, it is really important that they come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play every day.

### What is an “Active Uniform”?

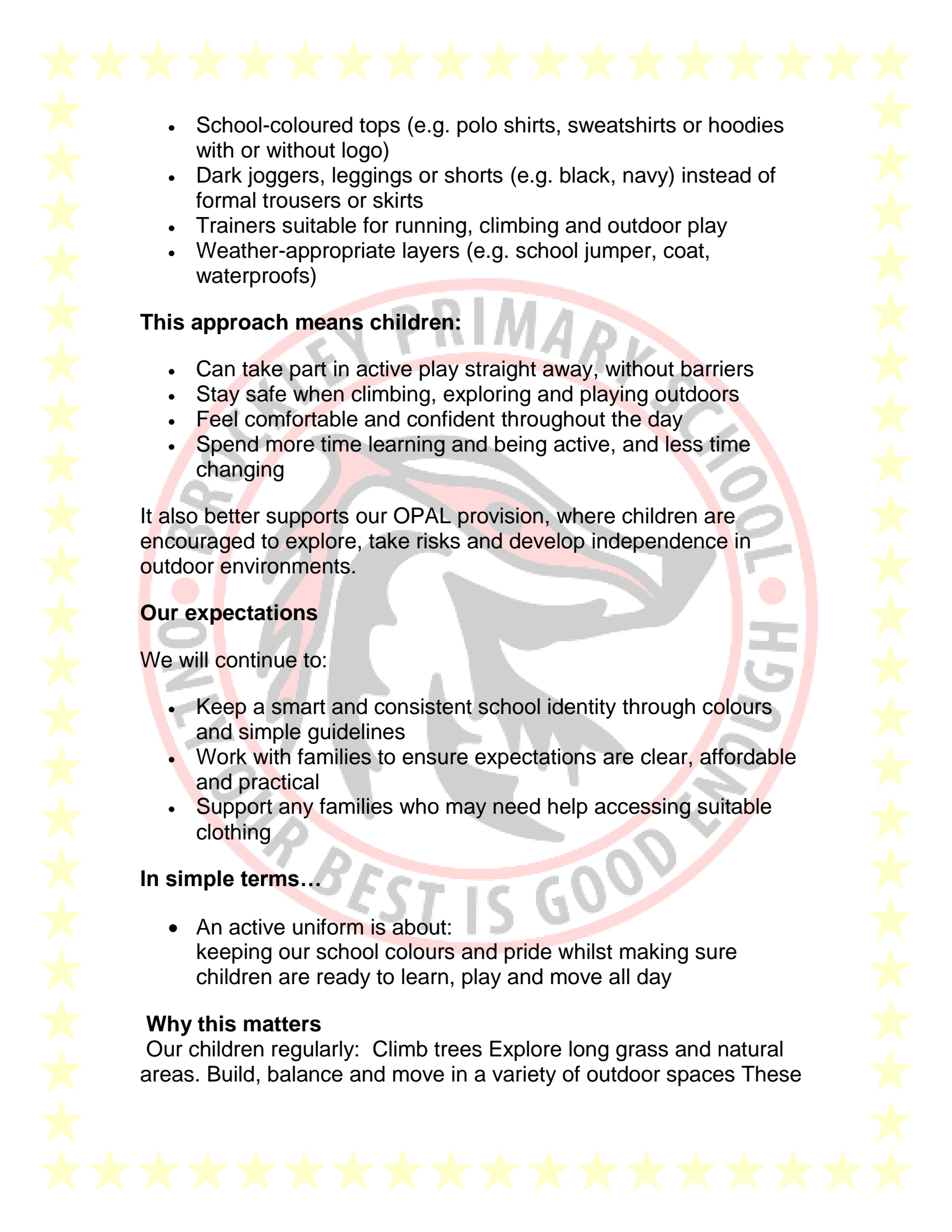
At Brockley, we have an active uniform, which supports our OPAL outdoor play approach and encourages children to be ready for learning and movement throughout the day.

An active uniform means that children come to school dressed in clothing that:

- Allows them to move freely and safely
- Is suitable for outdoor play, climbing and physical activity
- Can be worn all day, rather than changing for PE

### What does this look like at Brockley?

Our active uniform keeps our school identity and colours, but adapts styles to be more practical:

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- School-coloured tops (e.g. polo shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies with or without logo)
  - Dark joggers, leggings or shorts (e.g. black, navy) instead of formal trousers or skirts
  - Trainers suitable for running, climbing and outdoor play
  - Weather-appropriate layers (e.g. school jumper, coat, waterproofs)

### **This approach means children:**

- Can take part in active play straight away, without barriers
- Stay safe when climbing, exploring and playing outdoors
- Feel comfortable and confident throughout the day
- Spend more time learning and being active, and less time changing

It also better supports our OPAL provision, where children are encouraged to explore, take risks and develop independence in outdoor environments.

### **Our expectations**

We will continue to:

- Keep a smart and consistent school identity through colours and simple guidelines
- Work with families to ensure expectations are clear, affordable and practical
- Support any families who may need help accessing suitable clothing

### **In simple terms...**

- An active uniform is about:  
keeping our school colours and pride whilst making sure children are ready to learn, play and move all day

### **Why this matters**

Our children regularly: Climb trees Explore long grass and natural areas. Build, balance and move in a variety of outdoor spaces These

experiences are incredibly valuable, but they do mean children need the right clothing to stay safe and comfortable.

### **What we ask**

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing:

Closed-toe, secure footwear (no sandals, crocs or open-toe shoes)

Clothes suitable for active play (e.g. trousers, leggings or shorts that allow movement)

Clothing that covers legs where possible, especially for playing in grassy or wooded areas

No loose items (such as scarves or long drawstrings) that could catch when climbing

Weather-appropriate clothing (coat, waterproofs, sun hat, etc.)

### **If clothing is not suitable**

If a child is not dressed safely for certain activities, we will always support them to:

Adjust what they are doing to keep them safe, or use spare clothing from our storage area that we refer to as TK-Maxx - where we can.

However, sometimes if we don't have anything or child does not wish to use our items, this may mean they are unable to take part in some of the more adventurous parts of OPAL play.

### **Working together**

We understand that mornings can be busy and that not everyone has lots of spare clothing. If you need any support with this, please do let us know, we are always happy to help. Our aim is not to restrict play, but to make sure every child can take part safely, confidently and fully. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide such a rich and exciting play experience for all our children.

# KS1 & KS2 Sports Day Plan

Last week we announced Sports Day with Boogie Bounce, please see timings for the different activities.

Please note Boogie Bounce sessions for all classes will be in the hall and will go ahead regardless of the weather conditions.

All Sports Day activities will be on the field if it is safe and the weather conditions improve. We will confirm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June if it is safe for Sports Day to go ahead.

Time	Monkey	Giraffe	Elephant	Lion
9:00 - 9:20	Egg & spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon
9:30 - 10:00	Boogie Bounce	Sack Race	Sack Race	Sack Race
10:05 - 10:35	Sack Race	Boogie Bounce	3 legged	3 legged
10:40 - 11:10	3 legged	3 legged	Boogie Bounce	Sprint
11:15 - 11:45	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Boogie Bounce



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce a fun and vibrant event that will take place at your child's/children's soon! The students will have the opportunity to participate in a **Colour Run** – a joyful, non-competitive event designed to encourage fitness, community spirit, and most importantly, FUN!

### **What is a Colour Run?**

A Colour Run is a fun run where participants will be showered with brightly coloured powdered paint at various stations along the route. The goal of the Colour Run is not to race, but to enjoy the experience, stay active, and celebrate being healthy in a colourful and exciting way. At the end of the run, participants will be covered in a rainbow of colours, making for a memorable experience!

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- **Time:** 1:45pm
- **Location:** School field
- **Dress Code:** We encourage students to wear white or light-coloured clothing to fully enjoy the colourful experience. Old clothes that can get messy are also recommended as paint may not come out.
- **Eyewear:** Each child **MUST** wear protective eyewear to minimise the chance of the paint getting into the eyes. Either sunglasses or swimming goggles will do!

### **What to Expect:**

- **Safety First:** The powdered paint used during the event is non-toxic and safe for children. We will ensure that the event is monitored closely, and all safety measures are in place.
- **Music and Fun:** The event will be filled with music, dancing, and lots of excitement to keep the energy high.
- **Participation:** The Colour Run is an inclusive event – all students, regardless of their athletic abilities, are encouraged to participate. This is about having fun and being active together.

**Important Reminders:**

- Please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes and clothes they don't mind getting messy.
- It is recommended that students bring a change of clothes for after the event or something to sit on in the car on the way home!
- If your child has any allergies or sensitivities to the colour powder, please discuss this with Miss Dale

We hope this Colour Run will be a memorable and fun-filled experience for all involved, and we can't wait to see the excitement on the day of the event! If you have any questions, please speak to your school staff.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating with you and your child.



# ND and Hormones

## “The Hormone Rollercoaster”

A supportive webinar for parent carers



### Understanding hormones and the neurodivergent experience

Explore how hormonal changes can impact emotions, behaviour and wellbeing, with practical strategies to support both yourself and your child.



Thursday 18th June  
10:00am – 11:00am  
Online via Teams



Delivered by:  
Lucia Covell & Kelly Ottewell  
ISAS (Derbyshire County Council)

Hormonal changes can be a challenging time for many families. This session aims to help you feel more informed, prepared and supported.

For more information and to book your place please visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



### WHAT'S ON:

Dodgeball, football, cricket, basketball, food preparation skills, arts and crafts, castleball and more!

**Sessions are free and lunch is provided. 5–11 year olds only.**

### WHERE AND WHEN:

Brockley Primary School,  
S44 6AF

Mondays 27 July, 3/10/17/24 August, 1 September  
Tuesdays 28 July, 4/11/18/25 August, 2 September

### TO BOOK:

Please scan this QR code or visit:  
[bit.ly/leisure-consent-form](https://bit.ly/leisure-consent-form)



### CONTACT US:

For more information or to book/cancel a place, please call  
**01246 242364**



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