

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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Pupil Leadership at Brockley – Ballot Results



We are delighted to share the results of our pupil leadership elections at Brockley Primary School!

Over the past week, our candidates have shown incredible courage, confidence and commitment as they prepared and delivered speeches to the whole school. The standard was exceptionally high, and every child should be enormously proud of themselves for putting themselves forward to serve our school community.

In true democratic fashion, every pupil at Brockley had the opportunity to vote for the candidates they felt would best represent them. Once voting closed, the votes were counted carefully by the children alongside Mrs Rodgers, making the process transparent, fair and a wonderful learning experience.

I am thrilled to announce our new pupil leadership team:

★ Head Girl: Alexa

★ Head Boys: Teddy and Chase

After an extraordinary result, Teddy and Chase received exactly the same number of votes. Following discussions together, they have graciously agreed to share the role of Head Boy. We are excited to see them work as a team and know they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

★ Deputy Head Girl: Aria

★ Deputy Head Boy: Alieu

Congratulations to all five children on this wonderful achievement.

Please join us in congratulating Alexa, Teddy, Chase, Aria and Alieu. We look forward to seeing all that they achieve this year!

Uniform at Brockley



We are very proud of the way our children represent Brockley and ask all families to support our uniform expectations. Recently, we have seen an increase in children wearing Crocs, football kits and sportswear that are not part of our school uniform.

Our uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, equality and pride in being part of the Brockley family. It is also designed to be practical for our active school day and OPAL provision. Please ensure that children attend school in the correct uniform and suitable footwear each day. Football kits should not be worn to school, and Crocs are not appropriate footwear for learning and play.

With regards PE it is important that all children keep themselves safe by wearing the school PE kit. Hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted but should be either black or red and preferably not have a logo unless it is the Brockley badger.

If you require any support with uniform or have concerns regarding sensory needs, please contact school. We are always happy to help.

The Brockley Way

"Only my best is good enough."

Growing Independence at Brockley

At Brockley, we are passionate about helping children become confident, independent and responsible young people. As part of **The Brockley Way**, we encourage children to take ownership of their belongings, organise themselves for learning and show respect for others and their environment.

Many of the things we ask children to do each day are important life skills. Putting on their own shoes and coat, carrying their own bag, looking after their equipment, changing independently after PE and swimming, and taking responsibility for their belongings all help to build confidence, resilience and independence.

Whilst we are always happy to support children when needed, we encourage them to have a go first and persevere when things are challenging. These small steps help children develop the skills they will need throughout their lives.

Thank you for supporting us in encouraging independence both at home and at school. Together, we can help our children become respectful, responsible and confident learners who are ready for the future.

Brockley Primary School
Only Our Best is Good Enough

Growing Independence at Brockley

We are confident, responsible and respectful.

The Brockley Way
"Only my best is good enough"

Small steps today... big skills for tomorrow!

SWIMMING BUILDS CONFIDENCE

I can put on my own shoes.

I can carry my own bag.

I can hang up my coat.

I can look after my belongings.

I can get changed independently for PE.

I can change independently after swimming.

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

These are important life skills that help us to become independent, resilient and ready for the future.

Together we can achieve more ♥ The Brockley Way

A New Look for Brockley Communications



You may have noticed some of the wonderful cartoon characters appearing in our recent newsletters and communications. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and protecting children's privacy, we will increasingly be using cartoon illustrations rather than photographs of children on our website, newsletters and promotional materials.

These characters will be created using general features, school uniforms and activities that reflect life at Brockley, rather than being exact images of individual children. They will showcase the many exciting aspects of school life, from learning in the classroom and outdoor play to sports events, educational visits and celebrating achievement.

We believe this approach offers the best of both worlds. It allows us to continue sharing the fantastic opportunities, values and experiences that make Brockley such a special place, whilst providing an additional layer of protection for our children in an increasingly digital world.

The cartoons also bring a fun and distinctive Brockley feel to our communications. They allow us to celebrate The Brockley Way in a creative and engaging manner, whilst reducing the need to publish children's photographs online.

You can expect to see our Brockley cartoon characters appearing throughout newsletters, displays, policies, social media graphics, parent information leaflets and other school materials during the year.

We hope you enjoy this new approach as much as we do and look forward to introducing many more of our Brockley cartoon friends over the coming months!

National Teaching Assistants Day

Today, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful Teaching Assistants at Brockley Primary School.

Teaching Assistants are often the unsung heroes of school life. They provide encouragement when learning feels difficult, offer reassurance when children need a helping hand, celebrate successes big and small, and help every child to feel valued, supported and included.

From supporting reading, writing and maths, to delivering interventions, helping children develop confidence and independence, supporting pupils with SEND, accompanying educational visits, supervising playtimes, and providing care and encouragement every single day, our Teaching Assistants make an enormous contribution to school life.

At Brockley, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of dedicated, compassionate and hardworking Teaching Assistants who live out The Brockley Way every day. Their patience, kindness, skill and commitment help our children to flourish both academically and personally.

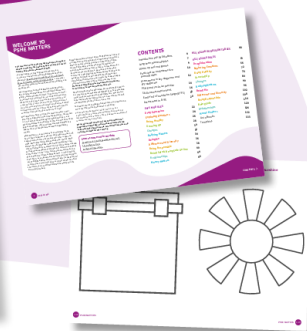
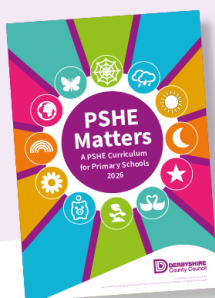
On behalf of our children, families, governors and staff, thank you for everything you do. Your impact is felt in every classroom, every corridor and every smile on a child's face.

Happy National Teaching Assistants' Day!

You are valued, appreciated and an essential part of the Brockley family.



PSHE MATTERS 2026 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



What is PSHE Matters?

PSHE Matters is a resource that supports the teaching of **Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education in primary schools**. PSHE is an important part of your child's development, helping them learn about health, relationships, wellbeing, safety and important life skills.

PSHE Matters helps schools provide high-quality learning that follows the latest national guidance for Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE) (2025). It is designed to support children in understanding the world around them and to prepare them for life, both now and in the future.

Why is PSHE important?

PSHE helps children to:

- Stay safe, both offline and online.
- Understand and manage their emotions and mental health.
- Understand their bodies, growing up and healthy choices.
- Build positive relationships and friendships.
- Respect differences and contribute positively to society.

What will my child learn?

PSHE Matters offers a flexible curriculum, allowing schools to choose from a range of age-appropriate activities those that best meet the needs of their pupils.

The curriculum is organised into 12 modules (see opposite), which children explore from early years through to all primary year groups. Topics are revisited as children grow, so their understanding deepens over time.

How can parents and carers get involved?

Talking with your child about what they have learned in PSHE at school can really support their understanding. These conversations can help children feel more confident and encourage them to make safe and positive choices.

Schools regularly invite parents and carers to share their views on PSHE. To learn more about how PSHE is taught at your child's school, please visit the school website or request a copy of the PSHE/RSHE policy. This explains what is taught and when, how you can be involved, your right to view lesson materials, and your option to withdraw your child from specific sex education lessons.

For more information, contact your child's class teacher or the PSHE Lead in school.

The 12 modules in PSHE Matters are:

Drug Education

Age appropriate learning about:

- Medicines and how they are used safely
- Substances that can be harmful
- Making safe choices and managing risk

Exploring Emotions

Children learn to:

- Recognise and name feelings
- Understand that all feelings are valid
- Manage big emotions like anger or worry
- Ask for help and support others

Changes

Children explore:

- Life changes (e.g. moving school, family changes)
- Feelings linked to loss or change
- Building resilience and coping strategies

Bullying Matters

This covers:

- What bullying is (including online/cyberbullying)
- The impact of unkind behaviour
- How to respond and report concerns
- The importance of kindness and inclusion

Being Me

This supports:

- Self-confidence and identity
- Recognising strengths and achievements
- Feeling part of a community

Difference and Diversity

Children learn to:

- Respect people's differences (culture, family, beliefs, abilities)
- Challenge stereotypes
- Understand fairness and equality

Being Healthy

This includes:

- Healthy eating, exercise and sleep
- Personal hygiene (e.g. handwashing, dental care)
- Mental wellbeing strategies
- Understanding how to look after their body

Growing Up (RSHE)

This is taught carefully and age appropriately:

- Understanding body parts and changes
- Learning about puberty
- How babies are made, grow and are born
- Personal boundaries, consent and privacy

Please note- parents and carers have the right to withdraw children from any sex education elements that the school teaches (but not relationships or health education).

Being Responsible

Includes:

- Rules and responsibilities
- Caring for others and the environment
- Understanding rights and fairness

Being Safe (including online safety)

Children learn:

- How to recognise and manage risks
- Road, rail and water safety and personal safety
- Online behaviour, privacy and digital safety
- Who to talk to if they feel unsafe

Relationships

Children explore:

- Friendships and other relationships
- Respect, kindness and empathy
- Resolving conflict and working together
- What makes a healthy (and unhealthy) relationship

Money Matters

Children are introduced to:

- Spending, saving and budgeting
- Needs versus wants
- Learning to make responsible financial decisions

PSHE Matters at Brockley

This year, we will continue to use PSHE Matters, Derbyshire's PSHE programme, to support children's personal development, wellbeing and life skills. Through age-appropriate lessons, children will learn about topics such as friendships, emotions, healthy lifestyles, online safety, diversity, responsibility and keeping themselves safe.

PSHE plays an important role in helping our children become confident, respectful and responsible citizens, reflecting the values of The Brockley Way. Further information can be found on our website, and parents are always welcome to speak to school if they would like to know more about what their child is learning.

For more information and links visit: [Brockley Primary School - RSE at Brockley Primary School](#)



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents of Nursery, Reception
and Year 1 (Zebra and Monkey)
children are invited in at 9.00am

Parents of Year 2,3,4,5 and 6
(Giraffes, Elephants and Lions)
are invited in at 2.15pm.

The children will perform songs and
poems they've been learning in their
classes.

Please can children bring a non-
perishable food item which will be
donated to those in need. Thank
you!

Brockley Primary and Nursery School