

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 24/25

Friday 21st March 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **94%** This is below both National average and the Westminster average. The lower than usual percentage is due to illness and **17** families were absent for a day or more at the end of last term and the beginning of this term. We want to remind you that we are unable to grant any holiday leave a duty to refer unauthorised leave of over 10 sessions (5 days) to the Local Authority who may pursue a fine.

Why does attendance matter so much?

Research by the Department for Education (DfE) shows a direct relationship between school attendance rates and GCSE performance.

Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to perform better academically.

This is because consistent attendance ensures greater exposure to instruction, classroom interactions, and learning resources.

Studies show that even a small amount of missed school can negatively impact a pupil's performance. Persistent absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days) is particularly harmful.

Please make sure you send your child in every day for the rest of term.

Attendance

Week Ending 07/03/2025

School attendance is a legal requirement and with the new Penalty Notice Fine Procedures in place it is vitally important that your child attends school on time daily.

Each week in the newsletter we'll report on the attendance for each class so as a community you can see how well our children attend school.

The national attendance target for all schools in England is at least 96%

90% + below	In-between 90% & 96%	96% + above
Zebra	91%	
Monkey	96%	
Giraffe	94%	
Elephant	93%	
Lion	94%	

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

Social Media

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School website for all policies and information

www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School email address

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Safeguarding Reports and Queries

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

[Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership \(ddscp.org.uk\)](http://Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk))

Ofsted Report Update

We are delighted to share the recent inspection report, which highlights the many strengths of Brockley Primary School and the progress we continue to make as a community. The report reflects the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm of our staff, children, and families, and we are thrilled that the inspectors have recognised the welcoming and nurturing environment we have cultivated.

The inspection highlighted several positives, including how well our staff know and care for your children, the emphasis we place on fostering a love of reading, and the exciting and enriching curriculum we provide. It is also wonderful to see acknowledgment of the strong relationships and respect within our school community, as well as our efforts to promote wellbeing, inclusivity, and resilience in our pupils.

While we celebrate these achievements, we also recognise the areas where we can improve. The inspectors have given clear and constructive feedback, and we fully agree with their recommendations. We are proud to share that, as a leadership team, we had already begun implementing strategies and support to address these areas of focus:

1. **Attendance:** We are continuing to work closely with families to support regular attendance, ensuring every child has the opportunity to build on their learning consistently.
2. **Reading Fluency:** Our staff remain committed to helping every pupil become a confident, fluent reader. We are enhancing our approaches to phonics teaching to support all pupils effectively and continue to work with the English Hub to ensure improvements continue.
3. **Support for SEND Pupils:** We are refining our curriculum to better meet the needs of pupils with SEND, helping them progress with greater independence. We also are champions of SEND and are working closely with Derbyshire County Council and the SEND Support Teams.
4. **Writing Development:** New strategies have been put in place to ensure pupils systematically build the skills they need to become confident and capable writers.

As a school, we are excited about the journey ahead and are confident that these improvements will help us provide the very best opportunities for every child at Brockley Primary School. We are incredibly grateful for the trust and support you show us every day, and we will continue to work together to ensure our children flourish.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community.

Your partnership is invaluable as we strive to achieve the highest standards for your children.

Important Notice About the Park & Safeguarding Awareness

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a well-maintained and welcoming park for our community to enjoy. It's a space where families, children, and friends can come together safely, and we appreciate everyone's role in keeping it a positive environment.

However, we want to make you aware that there have been some concerning incidents in the park this week that could be safeguarding issues.

We ask that you take a moment to remind your child about staying safe and encourage them to talk to you about anything they see or are involved in while at the park. Open conversations will help ensure they feel safe and supported.

Your support in looking out for one another helps keep the park a safe and enjoyable place for all. If you have any concerns or need guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

