

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

03/24

Friday 27th September 2024



Reminder to All

Importance of School Uniform and PE Kits

We would like to remind you about the importance of ensuring that your child attends school in the correct uniform and wears the appropriate PE kit on their allocated PE day.

Please ensure that all children are wearing the full school uniform every day. This helps create a sense of pride and belonging within the school community.

- Grey or black trousers or jogging bottoms suitable for outdoor play
- White or red polo shirt
- Red pullover, sweatshirt and/or fleece jackets
- Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (smart shorts are permitted in the summer)
- Footwear must be suitable for outdoor play in all weathers.

Make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix-ups.

PE Kit Reminder

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls for indoor P.E
- Black jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE (optional)
- Trainers for outdoor P.E

It is essential that your child wears their PE kit to school on their designated PE day. Regular physical education is a key part of the curriculum and contributes to your child's health and fitness.

In line with **Sport England guidelines** and our school policy, we would like to remind you of the requirement for all children to remove earrings during PE lessons. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all children while participating in physical activities.

Key points to note:

- **Earrings must be removed** during PE lessons. Taping over earrings is not a suitable alternative, as it does not fully eliminate the risk of injury.
- If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, we kindly ask that they either come to school without earrings on PE days or that you assist them in removing them before school.
- Newly pierced ears should be timed to ensure they can be safely removed before PE. We recommend that ear piercings take place at the beginning of summer holidays to allow sufficient healing time.

[Uniform Information - Brockley Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk/secure-primariesite.net)

[school-uniform-policy-may-24.pdf \(primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.amazonaws.com/s3/primarysite-produced/s3.sorted)

Attendance for Week Ending 27/09/24

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%

Zebra	85.84%
Monkey	100%
Giraffe	97.14%
Elephant	93.68%
Lion	88.85%
Overall	93.4%

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

Social Media

Follow us Facebook: [Facebook](#)

School website for all policies and information

www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School email address

info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Headteacher's direct email address

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding Reports and Queries

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

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

Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools

National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by ALL schools in England, this is:

- 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**
- If **not paid within 21 days**, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued, and the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**

- **Prosecution** can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**
- Cases found **guilty** in a **Magistrates Court** can show on the parent's future DBS certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**

School Attendance – Illness and Being on Time

We would like to remind you about the importance of regular attendance at school, as well as inform you about the new penalty notice policy for unauthorised absences that came into effect in **August 2024**.

Attendance Expectations:

- Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success, social development, and overall well-being.
- The national attendance target is **96% or above**, and we expect all students to attend school punctually every day unless there is a valid reason such as illness.

New Penalty Notice for Absences:

- As of **August 2024**, updated government guidelines state that **any unauthorised absence** may result in a penalty notice being issued to parents. This includes missed days and lateness.
- A penalty notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. After 21 days, the fine increases to £120 per parent, per child, which must be paid within 28 days.
- Unauthorised absences include holidays taken during term time, lateness after the register has closed, or any other absence without appropriate reasons or prior approval from the school.

We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances, and we encourage you to communicate with us if you have concerns or require support with your child's attendance.

Regular school attendance is vital for your child's future success, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that they attend every day.

[leave-of-absence-during-term-time-policy-statement-sept-24.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

[attendance-policy.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)



Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day!

National Teaching Assistants' Day is an awareness day on Friday 27th September. Schools across the UK celebrate their own TAs and nominate their favourites for our Teaching Assistant of the Year award.

Teaching assistants work long hours in classrooms across the UK. Their vital work to support children's education has always deserved greater recognition.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the fabulous teaching assistants we are blessed with at Brockley.



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'Help Your Child Love Maths!'

As you may be aware, this year the school is working with the independent charity National Numeracy on an exciting project which encourages children and families to do maths together. As part of this, we have been using National Numeracy's Family Maths activities and scrapbooks – and now there are more ways for parents and carers to get involved.

We know that maths can sometimes seem daunting but engaging positively with children's learning can make a big difference to both children's and parents' confidence with numbers.

Therefore, we are inviting all parents and carers to a unique workshop, **'Help Your Child Love Maths!'** held at the school on **Tuesday 8th October at 1pm**

The workshop is not a maths lesson, nor does it teach any maths, but it is focused on **fostering positive attitudes towards numeracy** and tips for ensuring your children develop these too. This is critical to their success in building strong numeracy skills. The session will cover the importance of maths in the real world, being positive about maths and how to boost your own number skills.

In previous workshops, 96% of parents and carers said that following the workshop they would feel more able to support their child with maths learning, and 96% said the workshop had given them a more positive view of maths.

We hope that you take the opportunity and make the most of this exciting project.



**Y4,5,6
Reading
Workshop
for Parents**

Miss Wheeldon, Mrs
Powdrill and Mr Beastall



Thursday 3rd October 2024 3.15pm Hall

Miss Wheeldon, Mrs Powdrill and Mr Beastall are pleased to invite you to a reading workshop for parents of children in Y4, Y5 and Y6. The workshop will inform on what reading looks like for your child in school and how best to support your child at home, as well as some top tips.