

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

02/24

Friday 20th September 2024



**MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27th September**

School Council will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 27th September for children and adults.

Brockley adults are invited for tea, coffee and a cake from 9am until 10:30am in the school hall. Adults should make their way to the office entrance at drop-off.

Brockley children are invited to purchase a cake during playtime.

We'll also be holding a raffle to win a selection of prizes £1 per strip.

Donations of cakes and treats will be gratefully received and can be left at the office from Thursday 26th September.



Considerate Parking

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Park sensibly and do not cause an obstruction.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

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://Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk))

Reminder Leave of Absence Requests

Absence During Term-Time (August 2024)

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence from school during term-time form available from the school office and handed into school two weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G. You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act - 1996.

[Attendance - Brockley Primary School](#) – click the link for further information.

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'**

If you are still planning a holiday during term time then you will need to complete a Leave of Absence form these are available via the link [brockley-leave-of-absence-request-form-september-2024-pdf.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#) or paper copies are available from the office. The full documentation as issued by the DfE is available by following: [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))

Committees at Brockley

At the start of each academic year we ask children to consider putting themselves forward for a range of leadership roles in school. The roles include:

Head Boy

Head Girl

Deputy Head Boy

Deputy Head Girl

Kindness Crew

School Council

The children submit applications and then deliver a speech to the children in KS2 who then vote for their preferred candidate for each role.

This year we are delighted to announce the following children as our leadership team.

Kylan as Head Boy

Millie as Head Girl

Ivy & Molly as Deputy Head Girls

Alexis as leader of Kindness Crew

Katie as leader of School Council

