

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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

Attendance Matters – Our Responsibilities

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this week is 93%

Attendance Band	Class Performance
Zebra	89%
Monkey	100%
Giraffe	95%
Elephant	88%
Lion	94%

Important Reminder

We cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days) will be referred to the Local Authority and may result in a fine.

School Contact Information



Report Absences or Ask Questions: 01246-823344

Website: <http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk>

General Enquiries: info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Website: www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Calendar: [Calendar - Brockley Primary School](#)

Headteacher:

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding:

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Facebook Page: [Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Info: <https://www.ddscp.org.uk>



Uncontrolled Group Chats Are Exposing Pupils to Harmful Content

A Derbyshire School is warning about a dangerous trend on WhatsApp called 'Add Everyone' groups.

These groups encourage users - often children - to add as many contacts as possible, sometimes excluding parents. This creates large, uncontrolled chats where strangers can join.

Why It's a Risk

- Groups can include hundreds of members, including unknown adults.
- Harmful content has been reported: explicit images, violent material, racist language, and requests for personal details.
- Children as young as nine have been added without consent.

What Parents Should Do

- Check your child's WhatsApp groups for names like 'Add Everyone' or similar.
- Update privacy settings: In WhatsApp, go to Settings > Privacy > Groups and set 'Who can add me' to My Contacts.
- Block and report any suspicious groups or individuals.
- Talk to your child about the risks of joining unknown groups and sharing personal information.

Why Schools Should Act

- Include this warning in newsletters and parent communications.
- Share guidance on adjusting WhatsApp settings.
- Encourage parents to report harmful content to WhatsApp and, if necessary, the police.

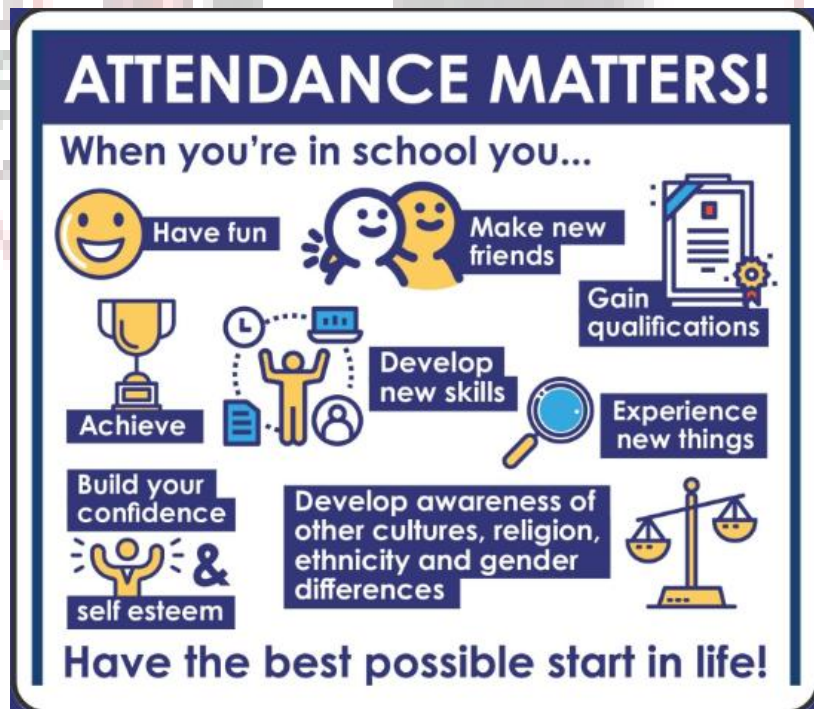
Info gathered from article: [Parents warned about 'add everyone' WhatsApp group - BBC News](#)

Moments Matter / Attendance Counts

In recent weeks, pupil attendance has fluctuated due to an increase in temperatures, coughs, and flu-like symptoms. While we understand that no one wishes to send an unwell child to school, it is not uncommon for children to appear well in the morning and then deteriorate during the day. Please be assured that we never keep a sick child in school. Equally, we aim to avoid sending pupils home unless absolutely necessary, as we appreciate the impact this can have on families.

This year's flu season has arrived earlier than anticipated and has presented significant challenges. To ensure the best outcomes for all, clear communication is essential. If your child has complained of feeling unwell before school or has been given paracetamol, please inform us. We will always contact you during the day to agree on the most appropriate course of action this does not automatically mean your child will need to go home.

Current guidance advises that any child presenting with a temperature should be sent home to help reduce the spread of illness. We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together to maintain the health and safety of our school community.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Achieve
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Build your confidence & self esteem
- Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences

Have the best possible start in life!

The poster features various icons: a smiley face, two people, a document with a gear, a trophy, a person with a laptop, a magnifying glass, a person with arms raised, and a balance scale.

Dates for the Diary

Day	Time	Class	Activity
Monday 15th December	9:15am	Lion & Elephant Class	Christmas Performance for families
Monday 15th December	10am	Zebra	A surprise visitor!
Tuesday 16th December	9.15am	Zebra Class	Christmas Performance for families
Tuesday 16th December	12pm	Zebra Monkey	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	12pm	Giraffe Elephant Lion	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	2pm	Elephant & Lion Class	Christmas Performance for families
Thursday 18th December	January Nursery New Starters Visit 2		
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 Brass Concert for parents at 11:15am		
Friday 19th December	No swimming for Elephant Class		
Friday 19th December	Last school day Non-Uniform for everyone School Disco from 2pm for children School closes at 3:10pm		
Monday 5th January	School CLOSED to children		
Tuesday 6th January	School opens to everyone 8am Breakfast Club 8:30am Green Gates open to all children		

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAYS

All days will include soup, cobs, snacks and drinks!



Monday 22nd December

Join us from 10 – 2pm at Shirebook Leisure Centre – bouncy castle, slide, festive crazy golf and more!



Tuesday 23rd December

Join us at Bolsover Assembly Rooms from 10 – 12 for family cooking fun, then stay for some refreshments and family games until 2pm.



Tuesday 30th December

Join us from 10 – 2pm at Shirebook Leisure Centre – bouncy castle, slide, games and more!



To book please follow the link or scan the QR code below

<https://forms.gle/xTPFLPknQSNHRDX59>



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