



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is a pleasure to officially start my role as HT this week and I have already been so impressed by the way the children have settled straight back into school life. Please keep looking on your child's class Dojo page for updates and information about the learning that is taking place in each class.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome to our new children and their families who are joining Brooklands this term.

Despite the strange circumstances we find ourselves in, we want children to enjoy being back at school and we want them (and you) to feel safe. School have therefore put in the additional measures to support this:

1. Large water containers have been distributed around the school site. Children need to wash their hands as soon as they arrive at school. If they could do this prior to entering the classroom this would be really helpful
2. School has employed additional cleaning staff during the school day. This helps us ensure that touch points such as light switches and door handles are being regularly cleaned
3. Detailed cleaning logs are being completed for each room / toilets and checked regularly
4. Staff have a rota and cleaning log for the resources and toys that are used by the children. Sterilising solution is being used to keep everything as clean and hygienic as possible
5. Children will remain in year group bubbles only. Playtime and lunchtimes are staggered to allow this.
6. Sadly we can no longer distribute sweets or birthday treats to children in school

As you are aware a return to school plan outlining start and pick up times was sent to you at the end of last term. This was also resent again yesterday. Below is a reminder of the times for each year group:

	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	30 Hours Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	8:30	12:30	9:00	9:15	9:00	9:00	8:45	8:45	8:30	8:30
End	11:30	3:30	3:00	3:30	3:15	3:15	3:00	3:00	2:45	2:45
Gate	Oakleys Road	Oakleys Road	Oakleys Road	Oakleys Road	Clumber Street	Clumber Street	St Johns Street	Clumber Street	Clumber Street	St Johns Street

After observing the drop off this morning, I would like to reassure you that we will be looking at reviewing this plan in the very near future. In the meantime, to ensure that we are all contributing towards keeping everyone safe please can I remind you of the following points:

1. Please only arrive at your designated time. The issue arose this morning because people were arriving too early and then there was congestion at gates and waiting areas. We appreciate that for those who are arriving on public transport this isn't always easy.
2. Residents have complained about the queues that are forming on St Johns and Clumber Street. Please try to avoid arriving too early and please be respectful of people that live on those streets who are trying to get out of their house and into their cars.
3. For the time being, please only use the gate that has been allocated for your class. Again we know this isn't ideal and we are looking into this.
4. Please keep at least 1 metre away from other people when dropping off/ collecting your child at the classroom door.
5. If you do need to speak to your class teacher please Dojo them to arrange a specific time for you to do this. Sadly, there isn't time in the morning as we need to get children into the classroom as quick as possible
6. If you do have 2 or more children with different start times, please wait in the designated playground space. I appreciate waiting in the playground isn't ideal (especially when raining) and this is also something we are hoping to address.

Finally, please bear with us. We will be having a weekly COVID review and we will be making changes and notifying you in due course.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Miss Hemsley
Head Teacher