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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Start date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for all pupils.

Welcome back! We are so pleased to see the children and hope you have all had a good summer.

I know some of you are understandably nervous about sending your child back and we are happy to work with you all so we can everyone back in safely. Please call school if you have any worries or questions.

School is looking great and we have had some refurbishment over the summer: in Primary we have a new outside garden and learning space, and in secondary the Art/ DT space and library have been refreshed. Unfortunately, we can't hold our normal Autumn events and parents' mornings but we hope we can welcome you in soon. I will take some photos and put them on our FaceBook site:

[https://facebook.com/The-Brookfield\\_School-PTA-102925611171387](https://facebook.com/The-Brookfield_School-PTA-102925611171387)

### **Masks**

We are required to ask all pupils travelling on buses or taxis to wear a mask as it is not possible to socially distance. All the windows will be open and staff will also wear a mask. If your child does not travel in by bus/ taxi, if they are in secondary they will still need a mask just to wear into the building and when they go home. At the moment they will not be required to wear it in lessons. We are encouraging all pupils to bring in their own hand sanitiser so they can sanitise their hands if they touch their faces, but school has supplies of sanitiser and cleaning spray which kills

### **MAT Merger**

As many of you know, we are looking to join a local MAT and in July started the consultation process around a potential merger with Barrs Court School. Thank you so much for your responses to me and to the consultation website – some of the stories you wrote in about how much progress your child has made at the Brookfield were wonderful to hear. Although Barrs Court is an outstanding school and we will continue to work closely with them, after listening to your aspirations for the Brookfield School to join with a more mainstream MAT,

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the decision has been taken by both Boards to look for another partner. We are currently in discussions and I will update and consult you all as soon as I know more.

### **Lunches**

Lunches at the moment will be 'packed' lunches with sandwiches etc. and individually wrapped and served. All pupils will be served in their form/ class base and then will have outside time on a rota. Free School Meals will be as normal and prices for lunch should you wish to purchase one are as advertised on the website.

### **PTA**

We are always looking for new members of the PTA – if you have any time to spare or want to meet other parents, please get in touch via the FaceBook site or phone school and ask for Lauren Kelly. We are hoping to hold a Christmas fayre this year – dependent on COVID 19 and the restrictions.

### **Transport**

Our bus staff will be in touch to discuss your drop off and pick up times. If you have a taxi and are unsure, please contact school (Wendy Roberts) and we can try and help you. Please remember your face covering (we do have a small supply of disposable face masks for emergencies).

Although it is a different start to the school year and there is still lots of speculation in the media, we are trying to keep our school safe but as 'normal' as possible so that the children feel reassured. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Michelle Parkes  
Headteacher