BROCKSWOOD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER - ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Welcome to Brockswood Primary and Nursery School 2025-26

Supporting Smooth Transitions

for you and your child

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Aims

To give you an overview of
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
and what your child will be learning

Department for Education

Early years outcomes

A non-statutory guide for practitioners and inspectors to help inform understanding of child development through the early years

September 2013

To provide ideas of how we can effectively work together and how you can best support your child at home

To help you understand what to expect from us

Why is transition so important for your child?

Ready Schools

Transition: A process not an event

Each child is different and some may take a little longer to settle

Our transition processes are based on the best interests and needs of your child

We will work with you to help your child to settle and be confident in their new surroundings

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Getting to know you and your child

We will do this by:

- Home Visits with Mrs Dalton
- Information gathered from you and the previous setting
- Transition Day 11th July (Reception am)
- Opportunities to ask questions and share concerns

What will my child be learning?

Ready Child

Prime Areas of Learning	Specific Areas of Learning
Personal, Social and Emotional	Literacy
Communication and Language	Mathematics
Physical Development	Understanding the World
	Expressive Arts and Design

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How does my child learn?

Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

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Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:

playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Daily routines

8.40	Arrival and self-registration Morning Challenge activities
9.15	Phonics
9.45	Handwriting
10.00	Snack/Child initiated activities
10.45	Maths
11.45	LUNCH
1.00	Literacy-adult led activities
2.00	Child initiated
2.45	Tidy up time/Story
3.15	Home

How can I support my child to have a smooth start to school?

I am starting school, ways to help support me to be confident, curious and ready to learn.

1. Being independent
2. Feeling good
3. Loving learning
4. Making my voice heard
5. Doing my best

How can I support my child at home?

Communicate and talk with your child

Enjoy physical activities together

Have fun exploring maths

Read, tell and make up stories together

Support your child to do things by themselves

Encourage your child to talk and play with others

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We support learning at home in a variety of different ways

Look out for:

- Parent consultation meetings
- Weekly Home learning
- Parent/carer workshops (for example, how to support early reading)
- Information and tips in newsletters and the school website
- Home/school learning packs
- Information on displays around school

School Lunches

- All **Reception children** are entitled to universal free school meals
- 4 options
- 3 hot options including at least 1 vegetarian option
- 1 packed lunch option
- Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch from home

What do they need?

School uniform

Water bottle

Book bag

Indoor shoes

My School Uniform

- Branded school uniform can be purchased online from PL Schoolwear.
- https://www.plschoolwear.co.uk

Home Learning

- Home Learning is issued each week
- This will be simple activities linked to the learning that has taken place in school
- Part of Home/School agreement
- Important that child completes at their own level, with your support .
- Home Learning is sent home every Monday and should be returned the following Monday

Reading books – Reception

After an initial settling in period:

- Your child will bring home a library book to share with you at home every week.
- When they begin to know some letter sounds they will be issued with reading scheme books
- These will be decodable books linked to the letter sounds taught in phonics lessons (more information to follow in a workshop in the Autumn term).
- Books will be changed once a week – there is a whole school expectation that you read at home with your child at least 5 times a week.

Wrap around care

- Breakfast club and afterschool club available
- After school clubs open to reception children

How we communicate with you

Communication is so important. It plays a huge role in ensuring that you are regularly sharing information with us to best support your child.

We do this by…

- Daily chats at drop off and pick up time
- Parent consultation meetings
- Newsletters/letters/Arbor
- Notice board
- School Website - https://www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk/
- Weekly Blog
- Tapestry

School Website

- Dates, curriculum, information, updates…

- https://www.brockswood.herts.sch.uk

Arbor

- We are a cash free school!
  Once your child is registered you will be able to open an Arbor account – please check that this is working ASAP and let us know of not.
  - Arbor accounts will be activated when you have returned your child's information pack to the school office in July.

Holiday Activities

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL!

Ready Child

Tick off the following activites over the summer to help you get ready for school

Find out what is going on at your local family centre

Visit some local parks

Join the local library

Explore the local woods

Practise washing your hands with soap, independently

Practise taking your coat off and putting it back on

Play a board game and practise taking turns

Practise your journey to school

Practise putting your uniform on and taking it off

Practise putting your school shoes on and try wearing them for a day

Practise carrying your food on a plate

Learn to sing a number rhyme

Share books with an adult

Share your toys with a friend

Try a variety of fruit prepare this yourself

★ WELL DONE! YOU ARE 'GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL!' ★

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Future dates for your diary

- Home Visits

- Transition Day 10th July (9.30-11.30 am)
- Reception First Day of School –Friday 5th or 8th September 2024 – Please refer to welcome letter.

Question Time

No question is a silly question…

If you have any questions personal to your family there will be an opportunity to ask these at your home visit.

https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-education-transitions-activity-poster-2024.pdf

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We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Brockswood family

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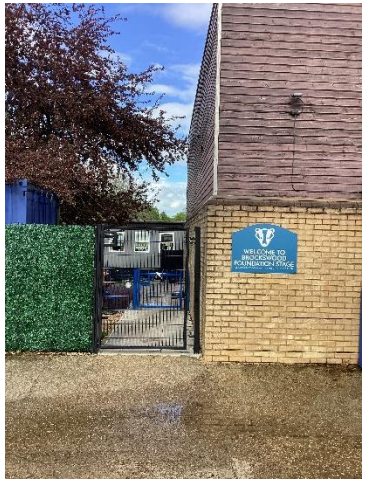

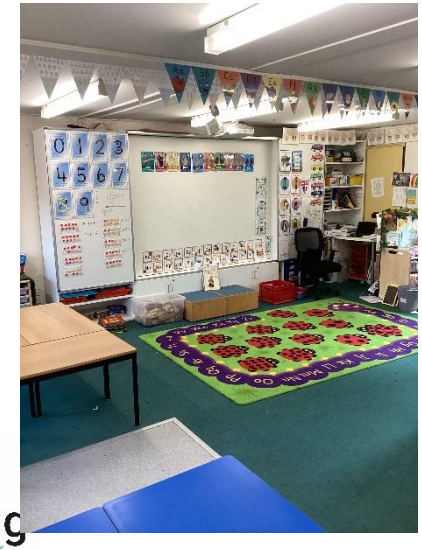

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