



Dear Parents/Carers,

As your child is moving to a new year group in September, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you and welcome your child to my phase and introduce myself as their Phase Leader. I will be KS1 Phase Leader for the Autumn term until Mrs Schofield returns from her maternity leave. I am very fortunate to know the children joining us in Year 1 already as I have worked in EYFS two afternoons a week this year.

I am sure this week will alleviate any concerns or nerves that the children may have been experiencing. At Bricknell, we are proud to be an outstanding school. We strive for excellence and endeavour to work in collaboration with our families to ensure our pupils have the very best outcomes socially, emotionally and academically. Please find below the areas in which parents can support their children to lead them to the best outcomes holistically.

Attendance

Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children receive full time education. Regular attendance is essential if children are to progress with their learning. We strive for all children to have 100% attendance. Although we recognise that children do become too ill to access school on occasions, the majority of mild illnesses and ailments can be managed at school to allow your child to access their learning.

Please inform the school by 8:50am by phone, email, or in person if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. If we have no reason for the absence by 9:30am, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We will ring parents if your child is absent from school and we have not received notification. Please also notify us if your child has a medical appointment as we will need to see documentation of this where possible.

Term time holidays - Schools have no authority to authorise absence for a family holiday during term time.

Any such absence is unauthorised. We would appreciate advanced notification of any absence wherever possible so we can account for your child's absence without needing to call or text you.

The School Day

The school day is from 8.50am to 3.20pm. Children will enjoy a morning and afternoon playtime, both with a duration of 15 minutes and a 1 hour lunch time.

Please note, the school gates will open at 8.35am every morning and will be opened at 3.00pm every night.

Children can enter their classroom to be registered from 8:40am to 8:50am. Once your child is on site, they need to go straight to their classroom. As per our school policy, the children are not permitted to play with any of the OPAL play equipment outside of the school day. This policy can be found on our school website. The Year 1 door will close at 8:50am. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter the school through the main office.

The school day will end at 3.20pm and children will be escorted out of school by their class teacher.

Meet the Year 1 Teachers

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Miss Moore	Mrs Schofield	Miss Clay	Mrs Stephenson	Mrs Perkins
I am KS1 Phase Leader and the school Reading Lead.	I will be the KS1 Phase Leader when I return from my maternity leave.	We are the Year 1 Teachers and we can't wait to welcome you into Year 1.		

Important Dates

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
4 th Sept	School opens	7 th Jan	School opens	22 nd Apr	School opens
25 th Oct	School closes	14 th Feb	School closes	23 rd May	School closes
4 th Nov	School opens	24 th Feb	School opens	2 nd June	School opens
19 th Dec	School closes	4 th Apr	School closes	18 th July	School closes

Year 1 Provisional Dates

- Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11th November
- Flu Vaccinations – Monday 7th October
- Parents Evening – Wednesday 16th October 3.30-5.30pm
- Parents Evening – Thursday 17th October 5-7pm
- Year 1 Christmas Production – Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm
- Year 1 Christmas Production – Thursday 12th December 9.30am
- Christmas Craft afternoon- Wednesday 18th December 2-3pm
- Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February
- Parents Evening – Wednesday 12th March 3.30-5.30pm
- Parents Evening – Thursday 13th March 5-7pm
- Phonics Screening week– Monday 9th June
- Whole School Sports Week- Monday 16th June
- KS1 Sports Afternoon – Key Stage 1 Thursday 19th June 1.30pm
- Whole School Enterprise Week - Monday 30th June
- Transition Week – Monday 7th July

Year 1 School Trips

Term	Curriculum Link	Approximate Cost
Autumn	Science- Amazing Animals In school visit.	£4.50
Spring	Science – Signs of Spring Local area walk.	Free

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Spring	RE- St Cuthbert's Church visit	Free
Spring	R.E.- Islamic Mosque.	Free
Summer	Geography- Ariel photograph work. East Park.	£15

School Rules

At Bricknell we...

- Show respect, tolerance and kindness.
- Have high aspiration, determination and resilience.
- Demonstrate the Bricknell Standard.
- Make the most of every opportunity.

The Bricknell Standard

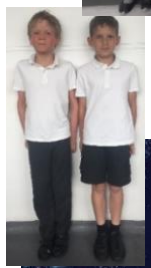
We will talk to your children every day about the Bricknell Standard. The Bricknell Standard outlines what we expect from all pupils at our school:

- Follow the school rules.
- Wear the correct uniform – including P.E. kit.
- Read at home 5 times a week and fill in your reading record.
- Try their best in everything they do.

To help your child succeed, we ask that every day your child arrives at school on time and is ready for the day ahead. That means, wearing the correct uniform, having their reading book and reading journal with them and bringing their school water bottle. (If your child has lost their school water bottle, a replacement can be purchased from the office for £1.)

School Uniform

Please ensure your child/children come to school wearing the correct uniform every day.



- Navy blue jumper or cardigan.
- White polo shirt.
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore.
- Grey tights.
- Grey, white or black socks.
- Black shoes.
- Pale blue P.E. t-shirt – with or without logo.
- Navy PE shorts.
- Plain navy blue tracksuit with zip up hoodie.

Nail varnish, jewellery, headbands that stick high off the head and dyed hair are not allowed to be worn in school.

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P.E.

From September, the teaching of PE will be changing. Instead of a two hour lesson, in one afternoon, the two hours will be split into two separate one hour lessons over two different days. One lesson will be taught by a sports coach or member of Bricknell staff whilst the other hour will be taught directly by your child's class teacher. As a result, your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kit **on Tuesday and one other day** which will be arranged shortly. Information about this second session will be provided via text or email.

Please ensure they come to school dressed in the correct P.E. kit and have their school water bottle with them. Please note, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Homework

Homework is linked to the Bricknell Standard; no homework book will come home with your child for tasks to be completed. All we ask is that your child reads a minimum of 5 times a week and records their reading in the reading journal.

Behaviour

Your child will be expected to demonstrate the Bricknell Standard as part of the Behaviour Policy. Positive behaviour is rewarded with Dojo's and Bricknell Stars. Children not demonstrating the correct behaviour will follow the behaviour pathway as stated in the behaviour policy which is available on the website.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you and your child in the next academic year. Have a safe, happy and fun filled summer and we will see you in September.

Thank you,
Miss Moore

KS1 Phase Leader

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