



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year!

Let us begin by saying how wonderful it has been to have all of our children back in school this week. For some it has been a matter of weeks, for some it has been months and for others it's all brand new. No matter what, we are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, huge smiles and enthusiasm that they have brought back in to our school.

After such an unusual time, it is our priority to ensure that the children are settled and happy and we understand that this takes a different amount of time for every child. The staff team are dedicated to adapting to and supporting the needs of all of our children and will be spending these first few weeks seeing 'where we are' before planning carefully for their next steps. All of the support and help you have given your children during lockdown has been so valuable, so thank you for this.

Normally we would be holding welcome meetings in school to tell you a bit more about the routines and systems in class. We will be sharing this information via a welcome PowerPoint which will be uploaded to our website on Friday 11th September. Here you will also find the curriculum overviews for this half term.

We continue to follow robust risk assessments throughout school and these are continually under review as government advice develops and changes. We are proud that we have a balance which allows us to ensure school is fun, engaging, practical, challenging and safe and for that we would like to thank the whole staff team for their continued flexibility and positivity!

This term looks to be a fantastic one and we will send out a calendar of diary dates next week to help keep you fully informed. For now, well done to everyone for navigating all the new systems and information and enjoy a peaceful weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Miss Ainsley & Mrs Gray
Executive Head Teacher
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Coronavirus Update –

We are continuing to take heed of all advice sent via the Public Health England, the Government, Diocese and council. Please continue to inform us if there are any changes in your circumstances. The following advice from the NHS is linked below:

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>



Welcome Meetings

There will be a PowerPoint and curriculum information on the class pages of the website on Friday 11th September.

Forest Schools

Our forest schools sessions begin on **Monday 7th September for Years 1 and 2**. A separate information letter was sent last week which explains what clothing is needed. All classes will have a block of sessions throughout the school year and we are delighted to be training school staff to become Forest School leaders this academic year too!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

At this point in time we will be running a very limited number of extra-curricular clubs whilst we juggle risk assessments and bubbles but it is our full intention to provide as many opportunities as we can as soon as we can safely do so. We will be in touch to let you know when our clubs programme is back up and running. For now we will be running a Forest School club where numbers will be restricted – more information to follow.