



Newsletter

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Headline:

Policy information: Child Protection

Our Child Protection policy covers everything relating to safeguarding in school.

The policy has been written to reflect all statutory documents and guidance; including the most recent Governmental advice called “**Keeping Children Safe in Education**” and the policy is in line with Medway’s Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Safeguarding Children Procedures.

The Directors and Governors take seriously their responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

We recognise that safeguarding is **everyone’s responsibility in school**, including temporary staff, volunteers and governors. All have a full and active part to play in protecting our children from harm, and child welfare is our paramount concern.

All staff believe that our school and Children’s Centre should **provide a caring, positive safe and stimulating environment that promote the social, physical and moral development of the individual child**

The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Mason) and deputies (Mr Presneill and Mrs Price) Mrs Liddle is also fully trained in Child Protection procedures and practice. All staff, students and volunteers are trained in Child Protection awareness and procedures at least every 3 years, and records are kept securely and treated with upmost confidentiality.

We support children by:

- Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness, through the curriculum as well as our relationships, and not condoning aggression or bullying
- Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school

- Liaising and working together with all other support services and those agencies involved in the safeguarding of children
- Notifying Children’s Services as soon as there is a significant concern
- Providing continuing support to a child about whom there have been concerns and who leaves the school or Children’s Centre by ensuring that appropriate information is copied under confidential cover to the child’s new setting and ensuring the school medical records are forwarded as a matter of priority
- Listening to a child’s wishes and feelings

The policy also includes procedures that are followed around allegations against staff, whistleblowing, physical intervention, anti-bullying, discrimination, Female Genital Mutilation, and the ‘Prevent’ duty for counter terrorism. The policy also ensures that health and safety procedures are in place to ensure safe working practices in school.

If you would like to find out more about our Child Protection procedures in school please contact the office for a copy of the policy.



Special birthday

We would like to send a huge birthday wish to Mr Andrews, our beloved Site Manager, who celebrated a special birthday this week!

Coming Soon

Class Assemblies in the school hall at 0900 and afterwards join your child for refreshments in their classroom
Wednesday 1st February - 2C

Friday 10th February
Whole school “Tag” Day -Pay £1 and your child can wear their own clothes to school

Friday 24th March
Red Nose Day

Winter Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January –
Friday 10th February

Easter Term 2017

Tuesday 21st February – Friday
31st March

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April –
Friday 26th May
Bank holiday Monday 1st May

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 6th June –
Tuesday 25th July

Last week’s top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes:

5S - 98/1%

1B - 98.1%

FS2B - 99.1%

News

Uptake of childhood immunisations

Recent data shows that there has been a decrease in the uptake of some childhood immunisations across Medway. The diseases covered by immunisation are now so rare that it is easy to underestimate the importance of these vaccinations. However, if uptake rates continue to fall, this may result in outbreaks of these diseases. If you think your child may have missed any vaccinations, please contact your GP.

Year 3/4

Parents are invited to taste the Spanish dishes the children are making in Year 3 and 4 on Thursday 2nd February at 3.10. Please see the letter attached and on the website. Thank you.

Readathon

If you haven't already heard, Brompton-Westbrook are taking part in the Readathon: A challenge to get your nose stuck in a book for charity. The money raised will help children in hospital to let their imagination fly into another world. It's amazing, enjoying a book you love will help brighten the day of a poor child in hospital. Children can take part in this activity by collecting a Readathon flier and recording the books you are challenging yourself to read. If you love reading, this is the thing for you!

Year 5/6

Parents are invited to join their children on Wednesday 1st of Feb at 2:45pm to watch the children perform a dance and eat some Mexican food! Please meet at the school hall door. Everybody is welcome!

Little Kickers football club

Do you have a toddler or young child aged 2 - 5 who loves football? Would they like to join a football club? Little Kickers are here at school every Saturday. For more information please phone 07464977742 or see their website: hflaherty@littlekickers.co.uk

Health and Safety

Please remind your children that no one should be walking through the car park. We have safe pathways either side of the school entrance. The car park is a very dangerous place and every day we see children running through the car park before and after school. Thank you.



Rights Respecting Schools

As a Rights Respecting School, every week we remind ourselves of an article from the Convention of the Rights of the Child:

Article 18

You have the right to be raised by your parents (if possible)

BirdBox 2017

Thanks to our funding from the Ernest Cook Trust we have been able to join the BirdBox 2017 Project. This exciting project means that we have our very own Brompton-Westbrook webcam which streams live pictures from a birdbox positioned on a tree in the school grounds! There are some fantastic resources and interesting pages to look at, as well as the link to the live video from inside the nesting box. <http://www.seenature.org.uk/> So far, no birds have used the box and we may well have to wait until spring. But keep an eye on it as some other schools already have birds keeping warm and roosting in their boxes

Pat on the Back

FS2B - Indianna for showing enthusiasm in reading.
Nathan for making a great start at our school
FS2H - Riona for helping her friends in PE. Delohnie for always following the school rules
FS2L - Ella for making fantastic progress in maths and being a constant role model in our class. Zuhaib for writing all of his numbers the correct way around (0-20)
1B - Gracie for showing improved focus during RWI and being enthusiastic and creative in PE. Emily for being a great friend to others in need and working with increasing confidence in all subjects
1C - Scarlett for working hard in adding 2 numbers together. Zahir for having a great speaking voice in our class assembly
2C - Joshua A for working hard on his division strategies this week. Riley for working hard on his reading and focusing on his fluency
2R - Faith for improvements in her handwriting skills.
Angela for her positive attitude in all areas of learning

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Sling Library

Thursday 2nd February, 1pm – 2pm. Come and try some on and find out more about slings. All parents and expectant mothers welcome.

Little Chefs

Monday 6th March, 1pm – 3pm. 6week course. Booking required

Introduction to solids

Tuesday 21st March, 10am – 11am. Booking required
Please call the centre on 01634 844152 option 1 to book a place or for further information

Inclusions:

- Year 3/4 letter for parents

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Assistant Heads : Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer (for families with children aged 5-11) Mrs Karen Liddle 07535 696125