

Brookfield Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful half term break.

We are all aware of the terrible events unfolding in Ukraine. This week you will have received a communication from school which details how we are dealing with the news at a school level, and ensuring students are informed about the events in a sensitive and supportive way.

COVID-19 - updated guidance

As you may be aware, there have been recent updates to the COVID-19 protocols as we begin the transition to the 'Living with COVID-19' phase. In summary these are:

- 1. The guidance for school staff and students to test twice weekly has ended. Students should only test if they have any of the main COVID-19 symptoms.
- 2. From 24th February 2022 the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.
- 3. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

Further guidance can be found at <u>Schools COVID-19 operational guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u>

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

To support the Comic Relief Charity, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March 2022. Students are encouraged to wear something red for this day, **but this is not compulsory**. Students will be asked to pay £1 to take part in this day, with all funds being donated to Comic Relief. Payment should be made through Parent Pay accounts prior to the day. Red Noses (now thankfully plastic free) are available to buy in school for £1.50.

Non Uniform Day Guidance

- Normal expectations remain regarding school equipment and jewellery (eg. no facial piercings).
- Students should dress appropriate for a school environment (eg. no midriff on show or short skirts etc).
- Students should have no offensive slogans anywhere on their clothing.
- Students who arrive at school dressed inappropriately will be sent home to change.

The final week of term played host to the first full school production for over two years. 'Back to the 80s' played to full houses for all three nights. With over 90 students involved (including a student-led live band and Technical Team) this was a fantastic showcase of our students' talents. Please keep a look out for further student showcase events in the year ahead, starting with our Dance Show on **31**st **March 2022**.

Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support through the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

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Mr K Hirst <u>Headteacher</u>