

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

In line with the latest government guidance schools have been advised that they have to continue to offer an **online learning system for children** in case of any periods of COVID related isolation or school closure. Our system is called Purple Mash, the Early Years part your child would access is called Mini Mash.

Through Mini Mash children and families will have access to a whole new world of interesting and exciting learning opportunities in one safe place. You will encounter a wide range of learning tools and content, designed to be used by Primary aged children. Teachers and children can interact more immediately and all learning can be supported and extended directly by the teachers.

In order to log in you will need to go to: [www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com).

Once on that page, click '**Find my school's login page**' and search for **Brookside Academy**.

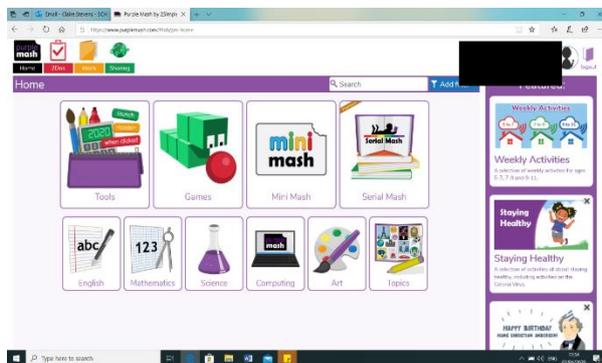
Next you will be asked for a username and password.

**Usernames** are the first letter of the child's forename and the complete surname - no spaces, no hyphens or capitals. It all has to be written in **lower case**.

- E.g. Douglas Fairbanks-Hamilton – **username** would be **dfairbankshamilton**

Your child's **password** is made up of pictures which correspond to numbers, please enter the four-digit number as the password.

**Class teachers will be sending home a card with your child's password on this week.**



Once logged in, you will be on the home page. Please click on the Early Years icon and then into Mini Mash and then feel free to explore. The only area we do not have full access to is Serial Mash. All other areas should be fully accessible.

Initially, you and your child could have fun and learn how to navigate all areas of Purple Mash. There are many **instructional videos** that will help with this process if needed.

**Teachers have been creating blogs for their classes and once you have received your log on find the blog and explore the games and activities which are already there.**

Please note that Purple Mash will only be used in the case of Covid related isolation and not for any other illness or absence. Work tasks and 2 dos will be set by teachers and only go live for the children in the event of an **outbreak** of multiple Covid cases and multiple families self-isolating.

In the case of only one isolation, teachers will provide a work pack rather than online learning.

If your child is not well enough to access work whilst isolating then please let us know, we understand that every case can be different.

**Any issues with purple mash or problems with access to online learning** then please contact [office@brooksideacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@brooksideacademy.co.uk)

Please continue to look after yourselves.

Kind regards

The Brookside Team