

Welcome to Brookside  
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# Welcome to Brookside:


Brookside warmly welcomes not only children but also their parents and their carers...

We understand the mixed feelings... the big step... that school can feel like.

Building Partnerships isn't always easy... but that is our aim.

Brookside's approach is rooted in trust and partnership, encouraging open conversations and questions from parents. We absolutely want it to work.

Inspiring Learners...



# What Makes Brookside Special? A Unique School Community

## Continuity and Child Development

Brookside supports children from early education (6 months old) through primary school, fostering strong relationships and understanding development in all its complexity... No two children are the same.

## Trying to be fully Inclusive

Brookside includes a Specialist Provision that enriches inclusivity, promoting empathy and respect across our community.

We aim to be a calm environment where every child is valued, known, and encouraged to flourish... though there are over 600 families attached to our schools... we believe that belonging is vital for everyone. No matter what their previous experiences... including adults.

## Community and Belonging

Brookside is a community built on relationships, shared values, and long-term commitment to children and families.

# Our Three Rules:

## Kind – Safe - Responsible

### **Kindness at School**

Children learn kindness through sharing, gentle words, and resolving conflicts peacefully in age-appropriate ways.

### **Safety Awareness**

Understanding routines, boundaries, and caring for themselves and others teaches children to stay safe at school and beyond.

### **Responsibility Building**

Simple actions like tidying up, caring for belongings, and making choices foster responsibility in young learners.

### **Positive Relational Behaviour Approach**

Brookside emphasises guidance and patience over punishment, supporting social and emotional growth in children. That does not mean we accept the behaviours that are unkind, unsafe or irresponsible... but we always aim to understand what the behaviour is communicating to us.



# Working Together: Partnership

## **Importance of School-Home Partnership:**

Strong partnerships between parents and schools create the best outcomes for children's growth and development. You know them best – We know the education system and have massive experience/knowledge of how children learn and develop.


## **Open Communication and Trust:**

Open communication, mutual trust, and shared goals are essential to effective parent-school relationships. That's not always easy.

Teacher's first – phone calls are often better than the start or the end of the day... Complaints procedure.

## **Our House System:**

4 Houses... these grow over time but they are an opportunity to celebrate children's learning in and out of school.



# In a NUTSHELL...

**What really matters... things I've learnt after over 30 years in education**

**TALK– not devices! (Devices have their uses) – but loving, curious and warm conversations at home – being interested in your child – nothing beats this.**

**Language – in all its forms - Stories, poems, tales, jokes, books, spoken word, music... the richness of language is so important. Children are sponges and creating a love of stories/ words is so important developmentally – and at ALL levels.**

**They are 4 and 5 – Letting children have a childhood. Love and believe in their crazy world – giving them of your time- but allowing them theirs**