



# COBBS BROW SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL

**Newsletter:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020,

### Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new parents. We hope you've all had a great time with your children over the Summer! The children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms and as eager as ever to please and learn. They all seem so grown up!

### Changes to pick up and drop off arrangements

We have made some changes to our pick up and drop off arrangements for your child. A separate letter will be sent out later today outlining the details. I will put copies of this letter on our school Facebook page and send out a copy on our school app. Staff will also send copies out on Seesaw.

### Class Newsletters

Class newsletters will be sent home each week. They will be sent out via Seesaw and uploaded onto our school website at [www.cobbsbrowschool.co.uk](http://www.cobbsbrowschool.co.uk). To navigate to the newsletters scroll across to the 'parents' tab and choose 'class pages' from the drop down boxes. Then scroll to your child's class. At the bottom of the page you will find the newsletters. Newsletters contain useful information about upcoming events, reminders and home learning activities. Newsletters go out each Friday.

### Admission to Cobbs Brow School and Secondary Schools 2021

It seems very early but LCC have put their online admission forms for **secondary and primary schools 2021** on their website at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Please complete your admission form as soon as you can once you have made your choice. The deadline for applications to secondary schools is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** and for primary places **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Please remember that even if your child attends nursery in Cobbs Brow you will still be required to apply to County for a school place.

I will send dates for the high school's open evenings for Year 6 parents as soon as I have them to help you make your choice. If you have any queries or questions to ask please make an appointment to Mrs Pugh or myself.

### **Admissions: Little Acorns (age 3+)**

We cannot hold our annual open day for parents wishing for their child to attend Little Acorns in preparation for September 2021 intake. As a result, we will send out a 'virtual' tour and information video so parents can view the nursery and gain an insight into the organisation. We will send out further information nearer to the time. Please contact school if you require an application form.

### **Admissions: Tiny Acorns (age 2+3)**

Our Tiny Acorns Nursery is teacher lead. We still have a number of sessions available. If you require place in our Tiny Acorns Nursery or know someone who requires a place, please contact school on 01695 720632.

### **Acorns Out of School Club**

Our 'breakfast' and 'after school' club is very popular. We have a breakfast club from 7.55am to 8.55am and an after-school club from 3.10pm to 6.00pm. If you are interested please contact the manager, Mrs Brady, on **07847227623** for information. Fees are £3.50 for breakfast and £7 for after school club per session. We have busy nights and mornings and places are quickly taken up.

### **Parent and Visitors in school**

We are very aware of the importance of communicating with parents. However, due to the current situation we are unable to invite parents into school. We understand that parents will need to chat to staff about their child. Therefore, when you drop off or pick up your child from school you can leave a message with any member of staff to request to speak to your child's class teacher. If we receive the message in the morning, we will aim to contact you back on the same morning. If it is at the end of the day the class teacher will call you back that evening or early next morning.

### **Parking on Manfield**

Please can we remind parents to take extra care when driving and parking in Manfield? To ensure we keep our children safe can we remember:

- We are a 20 mile an hour zone
- Considerate parking for neighbours and children's safety eg Cars not parking on the corners of the road and across driveways. Parents and children are being forced on to the road as they could not walk on the pavement

We know there are so many of you that are considerate and careful and we want everyone to be the same.

### **Dogs on the school path**

A few parents have expressed concerns about the number of dogs that are waiting with parents/carers for the children coming in and out of school. Some of our younger children were quite anxious and afraid of the dogs. I would like to ask our dog owners to stay further away from the school gate and ensure they are well back from the crowds, or perhaps leaving your dog at home may be better.

### **Absences and Lateness**

Please notify the office if a child is absent from school by letter, phone or through our school app on the first day of absence. If no message is received by 9.30am parents will be contacted by phone or visited at home by

our school attendance officer Mrs Baxter. Attendance awards and prizes are presented for full attendance at the end of each term and a weekly cup is awarded for the best Infant and Junior class. If a child is late, they need to report to the office via the school gate near the nursery in order to receive their attendance mark as doors and gates are locked shortly after nine o'clock for security.

**Holidays** are not authorised in term time - Parents requesting a holiday need to make an appointment to call me and a form will need to be completed. Please make an appointment with the office at least 6 weeks in advance. School requests that no holidays are taken in May, June and September. Holidays taken in term time are unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. An LCC fixed penalty of £120 for each child will be issued to each parent for an unauthorised absence of 5 days or more. Odd days in one term equating to 5 days will also incur a fine.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support. If you have any queries or need to discuss any aspects of school, please do not hesitate to contact school. Have a lovely week.

Regards  
**Mr I Eaton**