

Dear Parents,

Several weeks ago I drew your attention to the fact that we would shortly be trialling a school-parent texting service. I'm excited by the fact that this opportunity has now arrived. The texting service will mean that we can send important messages and notices out to all of you very quickly, very efficiently and in the best possible time.

You will remember the difficulties and uncertainties each of us experienced during the recent school closures due to the weather. I remember at the time thinking how effective it would have been to have had the texting system in place allowing every single one of you to know in the very best time that the school would/ would not be open.

The texting service will provide us with many other opportunities outside of school emergency notices. For example, messages can be sent to inform you of a cancellation of an after school club, a class returning late from an out-of-school visit or a reminder that tomorrow might be a non-uniform day. The system allows us to quickly send whole school, group or individual messages.

As you can imagine the system will permit us to reduce the number of phone calls and individual letters we have to send out. Newsletters and letters will continue to be sent out, but we will now have the chance to remind you to check your child's book bag or email.

For the system to work (and for the purposes of keeping our emergency contact details up to date) it is vital that we have your current mobile number. If you feel that we need to update our records could you please complete the details below?

We shall send a test text tomorrow on Thursday, 5th March. If you receive the text (which hopefully you will) you need do nothing more. **If you do not receive a text tomorrow could you please contact the school office by phone, email or letter so that we can update your details.** As with all contact details, your mobile numbers will be treated as confidential by the school.

I'm sure you will understand that there are bound to be one or two teething issues as we embark on this new technological venture. I hope the trial will be a successful one and that school-parent texting becomes a useful and effective means of keeping you up-to-date with events here at Brookside.

Thank you for your support,

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)

Contact Details Update

Child's name _____ Parent/ Carer's Name _____

Mobile no.: _____