



Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow & Saint Petersburg,

**RE: News and updates from the Director of School**

This week has brought with it the worst of the weather this year, and the school's recommendation for your children is to wrap up warm, and to take care of the many icy patches on the way to school and the way home.

In Moscow we currently have the years 8 & 12 on distance learning, due to 2 cases of COVID. We expect them back at school soon, under the guidance and return date as set by the Principal, John Downey. In both schools, we are continuing to monitor the pandemic situation most carefully, whilst remaining open for student learning. We follow all the guidance and recommendations stipulated by the authorities and we also thank the children for their sensible approach to washing hands, keeping respective social distancing and for observing the restrictions placed on us.

Our Brookes LIFE Russian Kindergarten (the building across the river in Botanichesky Sad 2, residence) is in the finishing stages of completion, ready for it's new year launch. We are busy employing a high calibre of staff for the opening day. We are holding an open day for the local families on December 19th 2020.

With Christmas and the cold weather rapidly approaching, we turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to Debra Johnson and the parents of '*Brookes Trust, Saint Petersburg*' for the local charity drive to provide for some of those families. I am sure that the items raised will be gratefully received.

I was delighted to be visited by a number of Year 5 and Reception children during this week, and was most impressed by a number of things: their level of improving English, the smartness of their uniforms, their manners and attention when speaking with me and the cheery, happy faces they all had. It is great to see so many children in both our schools, working hard, enjoying their education and making such rapid progress.

I wish you all a very safe winter weekend, and look forward to seeing you all soon.

With very best wishes,

**Charley King**

Director of Schools