



27th November 2020

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow & Saint Petersburg,

RE: Updates to End of Term and Winter Vacation

During the past two weeks, I have been consulting with the Board of Directors, the Executive and Senior Staff of the school, and the parent representative groups: Brookes Trust and the Schools Consultative Group. The matter we have talked about, has been regarding the Christmas school holidays, and in particular the Expatriate teaching staff who may or may not return home to their families at this time.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a particularly sensitive time of year, whereby families wish to be together and celebrate Christmas, wherever they are. With the global pandemic and continuation of the flight and lockdown restrictions, there are still only a few teachers who can make the long journeys back home over the vacation - even so, they will still be required to undertake quarantine periods at their destination and then on return to Russia.

When discussing this with the staff of the school, we reached an agreement and proposal which would allow those who can, to return home and get back to Russia. The proposal does, however, have an impact on the end of school procedures and the start of spring term procedures as well. That said, and with my thanks, I am pleased to say that we received overwhelming support with the proposal, from your parent representatives on the Brookes Trust and Schools Consultative Groups, and from both schools. With that in mind, please note the following arrangements for the end of this school term, and the beginning of the next school term in January.

Modified Hybrid Structure for End of Autumn Term 2020:

- Upper School, Senior and High Schools (Years 7-13) from both schools will finish *'in school'* learning on **Friday 11th December**. For the period **Monday 13th – Tuesday 22nd December**, a full programme of Distance Learning will be in place for all these students.
- Lower School & Early Years (Pre-Nursery - Year 6) from both schools will continue their learning *'in school'* until **Tuesday 22nd December, 15:10**. From Monday 13th of December, in each homeroom class, there will be 2 (two) full time learning assistants/language support teachers. On screen (or in person if in the country) will be the expatriate homeroom teacher.

Modified Hybrid Structure for Start of Spring Term 2020:

- Upper School, Senior and High Schools (Years 7 - 13) from both schools will start a full programme of Distance Learning on **Monday 11th January 2021**. Students will then start *'in school'* learning as from **Monday 18th January 2021**.
- Lower School & Early Years (Pre-Nursery - Year 6) from both schools will return to their learning *'in school'* on **Monday 11th January 2021**. During this 1st week, in each homeroom class, there will be 2 (two) full time learning assistants/language support teachers. On screen (or in person if in the country) will be the expatriate homeroom teacher. **FULL 'in school'** learning with homeroom staff will commence from **Monday 18th January 2021**.



If you have any questions regarding these changes, then please contact the school office on:
info@moscow.brookes.org or info@saintpetersburg.brookes.org

My very best wishes,

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Director of Schools