



Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow & Saint Petersburg,

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I hope that all families are keeping well and safe as we continue to navigate the pandemic restrictions and a large quantity of snow and freezing temperatures.

This week we enjoyed having all children return to the school in Moscow, and we are very much looking forward to the children returning to school in Saint Petersburg on the 1st February. As well as much enjoyment playing in the grounds of the school, with a great deal of snow for everyone, there was also plenty of work going on in classes, from Early Years through to Year 12. Distance learning has also progressed well in Saint Petersburg and thank you to the parents who have given very positive feedback to the professional approach we have taken and the way in which your children have responded.

Following on from our good news that we are now members of the Council of International Schools, I am delighted to announce that we will be combining the Moscow and Saint Petersburg Schools Consultative Group (SCG) Local Governing Bodies, which will now have representation from both our schools; parents and teachers alike. The SCG Chairman for both schools will remain as Mr. Luke Conner, and I am extremely grateful to him for his continued support and hard work in the development of Brookes.

In order to ensure that we have appropriate representation from both schools, I would like to offer the **parents and staff of Brookes Saint Petersburg** the opportunity to express interest in being part of the joint Brookes Moscow & Saint Petersburg SCG. I have attached the SCG Policy for you to consider, and should you have keen interest in joining our committee, then please send an email to my assistant, Sasha - abakanova@moscow.brookes.org There will be a further 3 parent and 2 staff positions available, from SPB, and I will be glad to welcome those of you who are interested. If we have more than the designated numbers, then the school will make a selection of parents and staff which fairly represents different parts of the school.

Meetings for the SCG are usually held every two months, and focus on the development of the schools, and how the parent and staff body can support the administration in ensuring that we meet such high standards that are required in today's International Schools. Although many parents may join in person, we understand now that with joint membership of the SCG, that meetings will often occur by zoom as well.

I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

My very best wishes,

Charley King
Director of Schools