



## Welcome to Brønnerud School

Brønnerud school plays an important role in the local community in the west village, and acts as a meeting place for those who live in this part of Ås.

In partnership with parents and local communities, we aim to create a formative growing environment where children can thrive and feel a sense of belonging.

We want to create a learning environment where students are active and learn by using all their senses and abilities. This achieved by utilising not only the school garden as an active learning environment, but also the forest, the nearby lake, Arungen and the UMB, which are all considered important resources in our education structure.

The school cooperates with the home to facilitate each child's development and learning based on each student's capacity.

Brønnerud school has about 100 students in spring 2010. It is approx. 18 staff at the school and SFO. The school site has five buildings:

The main building with classrooms, group rooms, media room, library, home economics, personnel work areas and offices.

An activity building with gymnasium and rooms for arts and crafts.

The old wooden building is used as a day care facility for the schoolchildren (SFO).

The large, red painted shed is called "The Barn", and is used in connection with the school garden and outdoor teachings.

The old rural house established in 1849 was used previously as SFO, however it was destroyed by fire in 2002 and is currently not in use.

### **School address:**

Brønnerud school. Drøbak Road 63, 1430 Ås

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The school's web site: [www.bronnerudskole.no](http://www.bronnerudskole.no)

### **Day care facilities for schoolchildren - SFO**

SFO is open from 07.00 - 08.25 and from 1.15 – 5 p.m.. (Effective from 01/08/2010)

During school holidays the SFO is open on a daily basis.

SFO starts August 1st and is open 11 months a year.

SFO is closed for 3 weeks in July , week 28, 29 and 30, 5 days during the school year for staff meetings in cooperation with the school and for Christmas and Easter holidays.

There are two different offers available at SFO:

Part-time: up to 10 hours per week: NOK 1.530 – per month.

Full Time: more than 10 hours per week: NOK. 2270, - per month

Light meals and fruits are included in the payment.

### **Homework help for grades 1-4**

From August 2010, students in grades 1-4 will be offered free homework support of 2 hours per week. The offer is provided in cooperation with the SFO. More information will be provided at a later date and upon request.

### **Classes**

Brønnerud school is a mixed-age school. Students of different ages are in the same class.

At lower primary levels students in grades 1 - 4 are divided into A, B and C classes. This means all three classes have students from all four grades.

At middle primary level students in grades 5 -7 are divided into D and E classes. In both classes there are students from all three grades.

Parts of the teaching take place in the mixed age classes, and other parts of the teaching are organized at the respective grade levels.

### **Sponsors – Fadderordingen**

Students beginning in grade 1 will each be given a “sponsor” or “fadder”. The aim of this mentoring scheme is to create confidence and social cohesion across all age groups in the school environment.

### **School environment**

The premises of the school are spacious with good facilities and a comfortable indoor climate. The school grounds are large enough to accommodate many kinds of activities. As previously mentioned the school gardens and several areas in the community are actively used as learning environments.

We have an outstanding social environment, and surveys show that students thrive at Brønnerud school.

Brønnerud school places a strong emphasis on social development, strongly encouraging that all students should know each other through meetings, activity/theme days, and various outdoor projects for the entire school year.

This spring we will start a program called TRIVSELSLEDER (Organiser of Thriving). We wish to create a positive and fun social setting, achieved via an environment where students display self-leadership by organising their own games and activities.

### **Clothing**

At school and in the SFO, we use indoor shoes or “slippers” to ensure a cleaner and more pleasant indoor environment

We spend a lot of time outdoors: the outdoor school, SFO and throughout the school day. Students will require clothing and footwear suitable for all weather conditions. It is possible to have extra clothes left at school.

### **Milk and Fruit at School**

Pupils are offered a subscription to skolemilk (low-fat milk) and skolefrukt (one piece of fruit every day) The offer is sent out by the start of the school year for both schemes. From August 2010 both schemes must be ordered on the internet. The office can assist with further information and if necessary submitting orders via the internet.

### **Pathway and school transport**

We have a lot of walking and cycling routes to school where the children can walk and cycle safely. FAU (The Parents Council Executive Committee) has a program called “companion”, and organizes accompany along some routes. It has created it’s own information about this program, further details can be obtained by contacting them.

Some parents choose to drive their children to school. There is slightly confusing traffic situation at the school in connection with dropping off and picking up. We ask you not to stop at the intersection of the highway or along Brønnerud road, but drive down and use the parking lot as a drop off/picking up point.

We actively encourage more students to walk or cycle to school where possible, and strongly promote the benefits of these healthy mode of transport.

Some students use the school bus / taxi to and from school. Students are supervised while waiting for the bus. Bus departure time is 10 min. after school ends so that students have enough time to get to the bus.

It may also be a positive experience for students to be familiarised with taking the bus before they start school.

Please contact the school if there are questions about school transport.

### **School-home collaboration**

The school council bodies.

Parents Council (Foreldrerådet) consists of all parents at the school. Parents Council's annual meeting is held in September of each year.

Parental Contacts (Foreldrekontakter): All classes (A, B, C, D and E) and SFO select 2 parent contacts for their classes/SFO at the Parent meetings in the autumn.

FAU - Parents Council Executive Committee - Foreldrenes arbeidsutvalg) The Parents Council's annual general meeting elected chairman and deputy chairman and together with the other parent contacts, make FAU.

FAU has two representatives in the school liaison (SU) and School Environment Committee (SMU).

SU - School Liason Committee - Samarbeidsutvalget works council is the school's Supreme Council body. SU consists of two parent representatives, two student councils representatives, three representatives of the employees, a politically elected representative (appointed by the boards of Childhood and Culture) and the principal.

SMU - School Environment Committee - Skolemiljøutvalget consists of the total representatives SU except that only one of the three employee representatives are members of the SMU.

### **Tutors**

All students have a tutor who has primary responsibility for them and contact with their parents. As a parent you are welcome to contact your child's tutor if you have any questions. There are two contact teachers in each grade at primary school levels. At lower primary levels there are four contact teachers, one for each class and in addition there is a tutor who has a special responsibility for students in grade 1.

### **Development Discussions**

There are two development discussions per school year. Usually we would prefer that the students are included in these meetings. The Tutor will send a form home in preparation for the appointment time.

### **Parent Meetings**

Two parent meetings are held during the school year. Various matters regarding the school are planned and implemented in cooperation with parents at these meetings.

### **Message/Contact Book**

Students are given a message/contact book when they begin at Brønnerud School. It is used to advise of illnesses or medical conditions, absenteeism and any other inquiries of a various nature. It is also possible to use e-mail, as per the contact information mentioned previously. If parents are requesting leave for a student for whatever reason, please complete a separate form. Students have the right and obligation to education, and parents can not take students out of class without firstly applying for a leave of absence from school. The form is sent out with Brønnerud Post at the start.

The school and the home have a shared responsibility for their child's education, and this is best achieved through friendly and efficient cooperation.

Each student's cooperation is vitally important for a positive experience during their time at Brønnerud School, and for the progress of their educations.

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Principal  
August 2010

### Timetable for Brønnerud school:

All students start each day at 8:25

Monday, Wednesday and Friday all students finish at 1.15

Students in grade 1 and 2 finish at 1.15 each day,

Tuesday and Thursday 3 and 4. grade finish at 1.45 and 5-7 grade finish at 2.15.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning session 8.25 – 9.55 a.m.	Morning session 8.25 – 9.55 a.m.	Morning session 8.25 – 9.55 a.m.	Morning session 8.25 – 9.55 a.m.	Morning session 8.25 – 9.55 a.m.
Recess 9.55 – 10.45 a.m.	Recess 9.55 – 10.45 a.m.	Recess 9.55 – 10.45 a.m.	Recess 9.55 – 10.45 a.m.	Recess 9.55 – 10.45 a.m.
Grade 5, 6 and 7 lunch from 10.25	Grade 5, 6 and 7 lunch from 10.25	Grade 5, 6 and 7 lunch from 10.25	Grade 5, 6 and 7 lunch from 10.25	Grade 5, 6 and 7 lunch from 10.25
Mid session 10.45-12.15 a.m.	Mid session 10.45-12.15 a.m.	Mid session 10.45-12.15 a.m.	Mid session 10.45-12.15 a.m.	Mid session 10.45-12.15 a.m.
Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 lunch from 10.45	Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 lunch from 10.45	Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 lunch from 10.45	Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 lunch from 10.45	Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 lunch from 10.45
Recess 12.15 – 12.35 p.m.	Recess 12.15 – 12.35 p.m.	Recess 12.15 – 12.35 p.m.	Recess 12.15 – 12.35 p.m.	Recess 12.15 – 12.35 p.m.
Afternoon session 12.35 – 1.15 p.m.	Afternoon session 12.35 –	Afternoon session 12.35 – 1.15 p.m.	Afternoon session 12.35 –	Afternoon session 12.35 – 1.15 p.m.
School ends at 1.15 p.m. all grades	Grade 1 and 2 finish at 1.15 p.m.  Grade 3 and 4 finish at 1.45 p.m.  Grade 5,6 and 7 finish at 2.15 p.m.	School ends at 1.15 p.m. all grades	Grade 1 and 2 finish at 1.15 p.m.  Grade 3 and 4 finish at 1.45 p.m.  Grade 5,6 and 7 finish at 2.15 p.m.	School ends at 1.15 p.m. all grades