CARBON OFFSET FUND

As a part of Brockwood's commitment to caring for our environment we offer a carbon offset programme that is open to the general public, as well as for individuals attending Brockwood. Our focus is on offsetting flying, as this is one of the major sources of *individual* carbon emissions at our school.

We do not offer offsetting as a means to "buy our way out"; allowing those of us living in the more affluent parts of the world to continue to pollute excessively by making a donation. The movement towards a sustainable and equitable world requires a clear commitment to *reducing* our emissions. We offer offsetting as a means of reducing the impact on *unavoidable* carbon emissions through financially supporting projects that reduce greenhouse gasses.

There are two projects that our offset program is currently supporting. Both focus on reducing emissions and dependence on fossil fuels through the investment in alternative sources of energy at Brockwood: photovoltaic (solar) electricity generation and a bio-mass (wood-chip) heating system. All offset donations will go directly to supporting these projects.

To offset your flights:

- **First, visit http://www.carbonplanet.com/ and click on "Offset flights" to estimate the amount of carbon (CO_2) your flight has emitted.**

- **Secondly, calculate the cost of offsetting by multiplying that amount of CO_2 by £1.25 for every 100kg of Co_2. (£1.25 is our current rate per unit (100kg) of CO_2 that finances our solar and bio-mass projects).**

- **To make a payment: You may either clink on the "donate" link below, stating "carbon offset" in the payment notes, or you may send a personal check to the accounts department at Brockwood.**

If you want to know more about climate change, your ecological footprint or reducing your carbon emissions in general, the U.K. Government's own site http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/actonco2/home.html is a good resource.

Feel free to E-mail offset@brockwood.org.uk with any questions.

Thanks for caring about our planet.