

Whole school information

**COVID- positive cases**

Unfortunately, we have COVID in our community again. All close contacts were notified and directed to get a PCR. We have no confirmed case from the Omicron variant at this time. The Omicron variant has different isolation rules to the other strains of COVID. If you are identified as a close contact of the Omicron variant, you are to self-isolate regardless of age and vaccination status. The Track and trace department will contact you to advise on this.

Please can you continue to notify us if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your household. You can do this by contacting us by phone on 07930909976 or emailing via [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

**CANCELLED - On site testing of secondary pupils in January**

Thank you for completing the survey about onsite testing in January.

An overwhelming number of secondary parents said they would prefer to test their child at home before they return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore we have cancelled the option of onsite testing and instead will make sure you have enough COVID tests to perform this at home.

**This means ALL PUPILS will return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**Reporting COVID test results- only reporting positive or COVID results to school**

From now on you will only need to record negative lateral flow results to the government via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Positive and void results need to reporting to the government via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and also to school via [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) or 07930909976.

Please send any queries to [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

**Early Closure Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

As you will be aware Jackie Tatler, a member of staff who has worked at the school for 27 years, sadly passed away two weeks ago.

Her funeral will be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. As you can imagine, it is important for us as a school and our staff to attend and honour Jackie. For this reason, we are sending taxis from 1.50pm to ensure that staff can attend. For parents picking up please collect your children between 1.50 and 2.10 and We really appreciate your support with this and apologies for any inconvenience caused. We have informed transport but please also inform your child's taxi directly.

**Winter Fayre- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Our winter fayre will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, given the current increase in COVID cases we have taken the decision to make the winter fayre pupils only to reduce footfall and risk of transmission. You will be sent further information about how to help your child take part in all the planned activities, including a visit from Santa!

**Parent/Carer expectations**

Please can we remind all parents and visitors to the school site there is an expectation that members of our school community are not verbally abused when they are on the school site and if you are transporting your child or children onto the school site that you drive in accordance to road traffic regulations. Please keep to the speed limit. As I'm sure you can all agree, we have young people with additional needs/support so the safety of all our student and staff is paramount and everybody's responsibility. If you have any issues or concerns, please direct them to a member of the Senior Leadership Team via [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## School Uniform - Simply First



Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed the way they operate their shop.

Parent/carers are now being directed to the website:

[www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk) to place orders. You will then be sent an invoice for payment, and once payment has been received the

order will be processed and you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect.

Payments are made via bank transfer using their order name and invoice number (really important) as payment reference.

## Our School Day

Please be reminded of the school times.

Student Arrival and Registration	8.55 – 9.05 – Taxi drop off 9.00 – 9.10 – Parent drop off
Morning Session	09.10 – 11.40
Lunch Session (30 minutes within this time)	11.40 – 13.10
Afternoon Session	13.10 – 14.20
Pupil Departure and Pastoral Time	14.20 – 14.35 – Taxi collection 14.30 – 14.40 – Parent collection

## Attachments

**School Money** has scheduled Maintenance from **4pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021** as a result the system will be unavailable whilst the maintenance takes place.

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Half term:

We break up for half term on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12pm** until **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the 2021-2022 school holidays.

Christmas jumper and dinner day	Winter fayre (pupils only)	Last day of term (1/2 day closing)	First day of Spring term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 10am-12pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 12pm	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022