

Whole school information

Head Teacher update

We have Covid again in our school community. Currently 11 members of staff have tested positive and 1 child is awaiting the result of a PCR test. If you child has symptoms (please see below) take them for a PCR test. Please do also use the Lateral Flow Tests at home twice weekly if your child is able to. We have a number of vulnerable children in our school community and want to reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible. The up-to-date government guidance is as below. If you have any queries, please email in on parents@brackenfield.derbsyhire.sch.uk

The new build is progressing well. This week the trenches for the foundations have been dug and the foundations will be poured this weekend. Thank you for your patience in the morning and afternoon with the disruption in the car park.



Mrs Turner

Covid Guidance

Please use the following link to ready guidance from the Department of Education for parents with children at high risk: [A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years at high risk - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-at-high-risk)

As a school we will be following the advice given by the government so there is very little change to what we have been doing regarding the management of Covid in school. The status of isolating, testing etc, has moved from the law to advice. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible it seems sensible to follow the advice especially as we have vulnerable children and adults working in school.

LFT testing-

All staff are still being encouraged to do two LFTs each week. We would encourage that families continue with regular testing. However, if you choose not to, we would recommend you have a box of tests in store at home should your child become ill and need to test. The link below takes you to the LFT test order site: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If your child has symptoms of COVID

Your child should not come into school. You should book a PCR or order a PCR test online.

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-free-PCR-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

If this is negative then your child can return to school. If it is positive, then your child should stay at home and follow the 'People with Covid 19 and their contacts' guidance (see link below). If your child tests positive on an LFT but is asymptomatic then you should stay at home and follow the 'People with Covid 19 and their contacts' guidance. Your child may return to school if on day 6

they have had a negative LFT on day 5 and 6 or until they have 2 consecutive negative LFTs or 10 days has passed.

Symptoms are deemed to be:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting.

Any of these symptoms may also have another cause but your child should take an LFT to rule out Covid.

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive You are deemed a close contact if someone in your household has tested positive for Covid or you have stayed overnight in a house where someone has tested positive during their infectious period. A person can be infectious 48 hours before they test positive. Children can still come to school if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive unless they are showing symptoms of Covid in which case they should have a PCR test and wait for the test result before returning to school. If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive, then we ask that you keep a close eye on them for any Covid symptoms.

Other measures to prevent the spread of Covid These remain the same.

- Classrooms will be well ventilated and CO2 monitors observed
- Regular sanitising and washing of hands, on entry to classrooms, breacktimes, lunchtimes
- Bubbles will be put in place if there is an outbreak of Covid in a class

Reporting Positive Test to School

Please report positive LFT and PCR tests to Parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y9 Teenage Booster and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations

We will be continuing to use the e-consent for the Teenage Booster, and Men ACWY vaccination programme and will be offering vaccination to girls and boys in Year 9.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Your unique school code for **Brackenfield Special School** is **DD113031**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

If you experience any problems, please call the School Age Immunisation Team.

Repton: 01283 707178

Clay Cross: 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



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 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

TikTok Parent Guide

As well as being an online safety consultant I also wear another hat. I work with Lincolnshire Police Paedophile Online Investigation Team (POLIT) in a voluntary capacity (as a police officer). Each week I carry out home visits where there has been a specific concern in order to talk to the parents and children. It will come as no surprise to you that many of the incidents I'm dealing with are related to TikTok, some of the children are in Y2/3, most are Y6/7 and you can imagine if they have required police intervention they are all very serious. It's important that we keep engaging with parents, many are still not aware of the risks and issues. OpenView Education have put together a really useful TikTok guide for parents which I think is worth sharing. You can find the guide [HERE](#).

Erewash (South) Youth Forum Event

We are offering a fun and engaging space for young people who are between the ages of 11-17 to come together to explore their ideas about the area they live in. Insight CIC, She Will – FYE, Erewash Borough Council and members of the Erewash Local Children Partnership will be exploring your thoughts through fun activities with time to have a chat and eat pizza! If you would like to get involved please have a look at the details below.

(If you are a professional or a local person who supports young people in these area's and you would like to get involved please email jo.mcguire@derbyshire.gov.uk)



SOUTH EREWASH

YOUTH FORUM EVENT

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UPCOMING YOUTH FORUM
EVENT!

GET INVOLVED IF YOU ARE:
11-17 YEARS OLD
LIVING WITHIN THE LONG
EATON/SAWLEY/PETERSHAM/SANDIACE AREA.

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 17:00 - 19:00
AT THE OLD YOUTH CENTRE AT
COMMUNITY HOUSE – 173 DERBY ROAD, LONG EATON,
NG10 4LL
(FOOD PROVIDED)

CONTACT JO.MCGUIRE@DERBYSHIRE.GOV.UK FOR MORE
INFO

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Half term:

We break up for half term on **Friday 8th April 2022 at 12pm** until **Friday 22nd April 2022**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 25th April 2022**.

School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 2nd May 2022** due to a Bank Holiday and **Tuesday 3rd May 2022** for an inset day, school reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 4th May 2022**

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

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