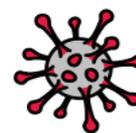




Class/Pathway information

Secondary age pupils- onsite asymptomatic lateral flow COVID testing in September

When we return in September, the Government has informed us to undertake on-site asymptomatic testing for all secondary aged pupils before they return to school full time. This will involve 2 tests onsite 3 days apart. The first test will be on Thursday 2nd September and the second test will be on Monday 6th September. Pupils will then be able to return to school on Tuesday 7th September should their lateral flow test be negative and they are not symptomatic. LFD testing is voluntary- however we would like to stress the importance of asymptomatic testing in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in school and the wider community.



If your child is 11 years and above from September, [please complete this consent form](#) to take part in the onsite testing. We will then be in touch with your testing time slot.

Covid Test Reporting

Please use this [LINK](#) to Report results.

[Please click this link](#) to read why reporting your results is as important as taking the test.

Whole school information

Confirmed Covid Cases

This week 2 students and 3 members of staff have tested positive to Covid 19. This has led to extensive isolation across the school. Staff are also being contacted by track and trace for cases outside of the school. We appreciate how disruptive the class and full school closures are for all the children and their families and want to thank you all for your patience and support. Please ensure you follow the link read the letter above regarding the full school closure on Monday - [Letter to parent/carers – Full School Closure 19th July 2021](#). .

COVID Tracing close contacts and Isolation

Due to the increase in cases at school over the last week, we will continue to have bubbles in school until the end of term. We will also continue to monitor contacts to support track and trace for self-isolation.

Pupils and students who test positive will be subject to the normal test and trace process, which will identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

From Monday 16 August, children under 18 years old, and those who are double vaccinated, will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact. At this point, close contacts of a positive case will be informed by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Self-isolation will continue for those who have tested positive for COVID-19.

New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

Consultation to lower the age range

A proposal was submitted to Derbyshire County Council to alter the lower age limit at Brackenfield SEND School from 4 years to 3 years. On Friday 8th July the cabinet approved the proposal, [please use this link for more information](#).

Ice Cream Van

On Tues 20th July we have booked an ice cream van as a summer treat. Please send your child with £1.50 to take part. Please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk to opt out.

Sun cream

As the weather improves, please ensure you apply 12hr sun cream to your child prior to them coming into school in the morning. If your child requires top up of cream during the day for medical reasons, please email healthcare@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Barber

The barber who came to school is happy for parents to contact them to book appointments at his barbers in Heanor. The best way to contact is either through Facebook or download the Booksy app (genesis barbers is on there with appointments) or email zowie.parry@icloud.com and she will book you an appointment.

Parents and carers support groups.

At Brackenfield we started support group during the first lockdown to support parents and carers, these continued over the last academic year as parents and carers found them useful. We are in the process of looking at these again, and would like to know your thoughts, what would support you best and how we can do that. Please click on the link below to complete a short survey, taking less than 2 minutes. Thank you.

[Annual Support Group Feedback](#)

Parent and Carer Summer drop-in sessions.

Our next support groups will be on 28th July and 11th August these will be a virtual drop-in session starting at 7:30pm until 9pm. If you would like the link please click here [Drop in sign up form](#) The link will be sent to you on the day. Join us to chat about support you need, meet other parents and carers, find out information and share your ideas.



School Uniform - Simply First

Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed they 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.

Attendance.

Just a reminder for September; The School registers close [at 9:15](#), if your child arrives after this time, they are marked as a U, this is an unauthorised late. We know lots of children struggle with sleep and this can delay the morning, if this is an ongoing issue for your child please contact Fiona Ross on the school number to discuss.

If your child has a medical appointments please send a copy of the appointment letter, or screenshot of the text reminders to earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk this way the absence can be marked as authorised, and will not reflect on their overall attendance.

Attendance that is below 95% is a cause for concern, and will be monitored. We are hopeful for a normal uninterrupted school year from September, and with this great attendance from our pupils.

Derby City Transport update

Please read this letter about changes to Derby City transport arrangements. Please direct any queries to schooltravel@derby.gov.uk or call 01332 956424

 [Brackenfield Parent Comms Jul-21 Derby City transport \(1\).pdf](#)

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

[Please click here](#) for more information from Derbyshire County Council for support on weight management.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Summer Holidays:

The last day of term is **Wednesday 21st July 2021**, a reminder that school will **finish at 12:00pm** on this date. School reopens to students, **Monday 6th September 2021**.

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