

#### Whole school information

##### Head Teacher update:

This week we have had the highest number of positive cases of Covid in school since the pandemic began with 13 pupils and 16 members of staff testing positive. I appreciate the disruption and frustration that closing classes causes, thank you for your support. As I have written in the past, closing classes is always a last resort for us, however if it is not safe to have the children in school due to lack of staff, this takes priority. Where you can, please do Lateral Flow Tests with your child regularly. We have spare test that we can send home on request. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)



Mrs Turner

##### New Build update:

It has been a really exciting 2 weeks in for the New Build! Foundations are down and the space is looking good. Click below to see a time-lapse video of the work!

 [New Build TL2-web.mp4](#)

##### Dinosaur Show at school

Please complete this form [here](#) to register your interest in attending a Dinosaur show at school. It will be a live show with a possibility of a meet and greet with the Dinos!



##### Learning Disability Annual Health Check Survey Request:

As you are probably aware that the Learning Disability Annual Health Checks are free health checks provided yearly by the GPs for people with a Learning Disability aged 14 or above. These health checks are essential as they provide people with a Learning Disability and their carers the opportunity to talk about anything that is worrying them about their health with their GP and may help diagnose a previously unidentified health need.

The Strategic Health Facilitation Team (Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust) would really like your help to complete a short survey on Learning Disability Annual Health Checks. The link to the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6M7H97V>

This survey will help us better understand the Annual Health Check experiences of people with a Learning Disability, their family members/carers and professionals supporting them e.g., if anyone had an unsatisfactory experience at their Annual Health Check appointment or haven't been made aware about them by their GP.

This survey is open for:

- People with a Learning Disability aged 14 or above
- Their family members
- Carers (both paid and unpaid)
- Professionals supporting them e.g., social workers, special school staff, care coordinators, members of Community LD Team, occupational therapists, community nurses, physios, advocates, etc.

**If you are a carer, please assist the person you support to complete this survey.**

The survey would remain open till 10:00 pm, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Please complete this survey and share the survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6M7H97V> with people with a Learning Disability aged 14 or above, their family members/carers or professionals supporting them.

- If you have any queries or require more information on Learning Disability Annual Health Checks, contact your GP practice or you can contact me [rachel.johnson10@nhs.net](mailto:rachel.johnson10@nhs.net) (Lead - Derbyshire Strategic Health Facilitation Team).
- Please contact me if you are **interested in attending online sessions (free of charge)** on Learning Disability Annual Health Checks and Health Action Plans.
- I can also be contacted if you are facing difficulty in completing the survey or if the link to the survey is not working.

### **Research Study Invite**

[please click here for full details](#) on a parent-led intervention for autistic children with severe to profound intellectual disability ran by Aston University Research Ethics Committee.

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**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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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, breaktimes, 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](mailto:Parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

#### Mobile Vaccination Clinic for those aged 16+

St John's Church, Canal Street, Long Eaton, NG10 4GA on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of March and on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. [Please click here](#) for more details. Anyone can attend, whether it's their first, second or booster dose.

- No appointment needed
- No need to be registered with a GP
- Mobile clinic runs from 12.30pm – 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March and from 1.30pm – 5.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- Located at St John's Church, Canal Street, Long Eaton, NG10 4GA
- Medical professionals will be on hand to talk through any questions about the vaccination and its process

#### 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](mailto: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](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

**World Down Syndrome Day 2022** – Please click on the poster to view the filming of a video with the Wouldn't Change a Thing Charity – see if you can spot a few familiar faces

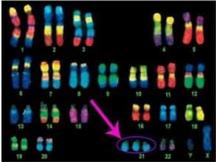


**World Down Syndrome Day**  
**21st March**

On March 21st we would like to celebrate diversity and inclusion for ALL by taking part in **World Down Syndrome Day.**

In celebration of Down syndrome and the joy of diversity, one very simple way you can show your support is by wearing a pair of:

**jolly unique colourful SOCKS!**



Why socks? We wear socks because the tiny building blocks that make every person unique are called chromosomes and they look a lot like socks. People with Down syndrome have an extra 21st chromosome.

We hope to see as many people joining in as possible, celebrating being unique and accepting our differences!

#WouldntChangeAThing

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Half term:

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

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

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

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