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Whole school information

Message from the Government:

The government is committed to improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND and those in alternative provision. We want to work with children, young people, parents, carers and those who advocate and work with them, as well as local and national system leaders, to achieve this ambition. This link is for the survey for parents/carers to give their views.

[SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

Covid Guidance:

The Government have released their new advice and guidance for COVID measures, from Friday 1st April:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days at home**
- The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits
- Residential SEND settings may be advised by their local health protection team to re-introduce some time-limited asymptomatic testing. This would be an exceptional measure, for targeted groups of staff and pupils or students (secondary age or above) in the event of a possible COVID-19 outbreak.

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.

Reporting Positive Test to School

Please report positive LFT and PCR tests to 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 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 (important) as payment reference.

Please note from **Monday the 4th of April 2022** Simply First will be operation from a new Premises:

Container Self-Storage - Simply First Ltd

The Embroidery Pod, Unit 13, Block B, Ind Estate, Mark St, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5AD.

Attachments

Spring/Summer Menu 2022 – [Please click here](#) for a copy of the Spring/Summer Menu 2022 from Derbyshire County Council.

Online safety Update

YouTube - Parent Allowlisting

The YouTube Kids app was introduced in the UK in January 2016 and was designed to allow younger children to use YouTube in a more managed (moderated) way whilst giving parents extra controls. Whilst it is a great app, my visits around primary schools over the years suggests that very few younger children use the YouTube Kids service. In conversation with the children and their parents, the biggest reason is usually because the channels/videos that the children want to watch are not available on the YouTube Kids app.

This has now changed. YouTube have introduced a new service called Parent Allowlisting which can be used on mobile devices where a parent can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube Kids account.

I think this is a great feature and would recommend you share this with parents/carers. There is a link to a video explainer on YouTube which you can find [HERE](#).

Grand Theft Auto V - Updated

I'm sure you will be very well aware of the 18 rated GTA V game and the concerning use by younger children. Over the years the amount of children playing this game hasn't gone down, and this includes children from Y2 upwards. GTA V has recently been updated so that players with newer Playstation and Xbox devices can take advantage of faster processing speeds.

The reason I'm mentioning this is that you may hear an increase in children playing the game, which also includes a mode where 30 players can play together in the game.

To see more about the game and updated features see [HERE](#).

What Are Anonymous and Honesty Apps?

At their core, these are apps which allow users to interact with each other without revealing who the users are. They are used for a variety of reasons, such as being able to ask questions that may be embarrassing, but equally they can be used to cause harm.

Internet Matters have put together a really useful page which answers many questions around

anonymous and honesty apps. It might be worthwhile sharing this with staff and your parents to raise their awareness. You can find the page [HERE](#).

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

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