

Class/Pathway information

Home Learning:

Home Learning Maps will be uploaded on the website and sent out to parents for pupils who are learning from home. All parents of home learning pupils will have been contacted via phone during the week. If you have not received a phone call, please email

parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Please also let us know if you have not received the Home Learning Maps. Home Learning Maps can also be accessed using the links below to your child's class website page:

Communicate Pathway:	Comprehend Pathway:	Decode Pathway:
Maple Class	Sycamore Class	Poplar Class
Willow Class	Beech Class	Hazel Class
Elm Class	Rowan Class	Ash Class
Acorns Class	Conkers Class	Oak Class

Whole school information

Full school reopening 9th March 2021

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday night, I am delighted to announce that school will be fully reopening to all pupils from **Tuesday 9th of March**. A reminder that **Monday 8th March is an INSET day**. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the letter sent out to all parents/carers on Wednesday 24th February 2021. I understand that returning to school can be an anxious time for children who have been off for several weeks. I want to reassure you that we have a full Covid risk assessment in place which we update regularly with Public Health England and class staff will be proactively working to support the wellbeing of the children.

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

Covid testing for secondary pupils

Pupils in school wishing to have Covid testing resumed today. They will have 3 tests in total on site. Pupils returning from Tuesday 9th March will have 3 tests onsite too, if they wish.

Please  [click here for the letter, with the consent form](#) and videos on how the testing is works. Please email any queries to parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

We will moving to a home testing model once all pupils have had 3 tests. There will be additional information sent out about home testing soon.

College information

We are pleased to announce that Construction at Derby Roundhouse will resume on Monday 16th March. Social distancing still remains in place, the tutor will go over this with the students on return. Unfortunately we are still unable to access the coffee shops or canteen for the time being so we will return to school for lunch as normal. Due to the nature of the course, non-uniform is acceptable on Mondays.

We are still awaiting a commencement date from Derby College for our Friday group to Broomfield. Students and parents will be updated as soon as we have any information. In the mean time we are hoping to collaborate with them via some more virtual sessions.

Chromebooks

The school has been provided with a small number of Chromebooks to loan out and help pupils in accessing lessons from home. Those eligible will have been contacted already and offered a device.

If anyone accepted the offer but has not yet got their Chromebook please get in touch via itsupport@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

We also have a very limited number of spare Chromebooks that can now be loaned out so if you have not been offered a device already but feel it would be of benefit please contact the via itsupport@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk for consideration.

Attachments

Wonderfully Creative Online Dance opportunities for children from 5 - 11 years with additional learning needs. These sessions will be full of fun, looking at themes through imaginative movement games, learning how we move as individuals and how to create dances together. There will be inspiring music to encourage creativity, confidence, fitness, and a chance to share ideas and dance with each other people wherever you are! For more information please click [HERE!](#)

Derbyshire Parent/Carer Voice



Below is a link to a survey to support DIASS and the Educational Psychology Team make appropriate recommendations to the Local Offer team that will make the site more accessible to parent carers and their child or young person. Through this link parent carers will also be informed of a Zoom drop-in session with DIASS to further gain views after the survey ends. (Survey ends Sunday 28th February)

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/sendreforms/>

Carers entitled to COVID vaccine.

Carers of children with additional needs are entitled to the COVID vaccine, in wave 6. In order to be identified as a carer, you need to either be claiming carers allowance, or have your medical records with your GP flagged as a carer. To get your medical record flagged as a carer, you need to call your GP practice and ask them to do this. When the vaccines are available you will then be identified and invited. If your GP refused to flag your record as a carer please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk. We can send you a link to the template letter to send them to get this rectified.

Virtual Come and Play Event

In celebration of the schools reopening the team at Midlands Music Services (MMS) are excited to bring to you the World's First Virtual Come and Play Event on the 7th March at 2pm. This is a FREE event to entertain you and your little ones for 1 hour on a Sunday afternoon. Click [here](#) for more information.

Supporting healthy sleep patterns

Lots of people have trouble sleeping at some point in their life, but for children with special needs sleeping can be particularly difficult. [This NHS guide](#) gives you tips and support if your child is struggling to sleep.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Inset Day:

Monday March 8th 2021.

Easter Holidays:

The last day of term is **Thursday 1st April and the school day will finish at 12pm**, school reopens Monday 19th April.