

#### Class/Pathway information

##### **Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents**

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) (click the link to apply) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

- is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

##### **Secondary age pupils- COVID home testing:**

[Please click here for a letter](#) about home testing for our secondary aged pupils.

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

#### Whole school information

##### **Health Assessments for Children**

Children with a learning disability are entitled to a Health assessment each year from the age of 14, this is carried out at the GP practice. We have organised a talk from Lynn Morris, a strategic health facilitator, who will help us understand what should happen, why it is important, and how to get your child access to this support. The meeting is taking place this coming Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 7:30pm – 9pm, Via TEAMS, to join in please click this link to enter your details

[Learning Disability Health Assessment sign up](#)

##### **Cases of Covid-19**

There have been not further cases of Covid in school this week.

### Attention Autism

After the Easter holiday on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April we have a virtual parent care support group on Attention Autism. Attention Autism is an intervention that develops natural and spontaneous communication, through the use of visual and motivating activities. Attention Autism is used in school in our Communicate and Comprehend pathways.

### Aims of Attention Autism

1. To engage attention
2. To improve joint attention
3. To develop shared enjoyment in group activities
4. To increase attention in adult-led activities
5. To encourage spontaneous interaction in a natural group setting
6. To increase non-verbal and verbal communication through commenting
7. To build a wealth and depth of vocabulary
8. To have fun

Join us to learn, how we use it in school and how you can use it at home to support your child. Click the link here to sign up [Attention Autism Sign up](#)

### Sleep Tip

**Don't forget**, the clocks move forward by one hour, on Saturday night/Sunday morning. To support this change, you can move bedtime by 10 minutes on Friday and Saturday night, to reduce amount of sleep time lost. Children will generally adjust to the change in around a week but keeping the routine of bedtime and wakeup times will support this to happen quicker. Contact [Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you need support with sleep.

### 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 details on [NSPCC free workshop](#) for parent/carers on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### Upcoming dates from the school calendar

#### Easter Holidays:

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