

#### Whole school information

##### **Return to school Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

A reminder that Monday is an INSET day and all children will return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We appreciate that returning to school is an anxious time for many of our young people, if you have any specific concerns please email your class team or [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

##### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

**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

**School uniform**

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing appropriate school uniform. As we come into warmer weather this will also include blue gingham school summer dresses and grey school shorts. Recently there has been an increase of Decode pupils not wearing uniform and school shoes to school. A reminder that pupils should be wearing black school shoes not trainers, with the exception of children who require alternative footwear for mobility and medical reasons. If you have any specific concerns please contact your child's class team.

**Attachments****Umbrella**

have an exciting Magic Show on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 10:30 for our Umbrella members. Please [click here](#) for further details.

Check out this month's bulletin:

<http://umbrella.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/March-2021.pdf>

**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 on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 7:30pm – 9pm, Via TEAMS, to join in please email [Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) or click this link to enter your details [Learning Disability Health Assessment sign up](#)

**Derbyshire County Council Community directory for families**

Please click [HERE](#) for a community directory for Children, young people and their families to search for a wide range of services and support on offer.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

**Inset Day:**

**Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**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**.