

Lockdown

Thankyou all for your support this week. It has been a difficult time for everyone involved and I appreciate the speed you returned the Form regarding Critical Worker and Vulnerable children. I also appreciate your patience whilst we have had to put measures into place with no notice.

Pupils in school:

Pupils will continue to attend as normal. There are some changes to staffing to support having as few people as possible on site during the week. This means that your child will have the same staff team over the week, but potentially different people on different days. Staff will remain as familiar staff. The children will be part of Microsoft Teams meetings with their home learning peers during the week.

Please use the parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk email address if you have any queries.

Home Learning pupils:

- You will receive your Home Learning Map for next week prior to Monday morning, these will also be on the website for your reference. You will receive one of these each week
- There will be a printable visual timetable for you use on the website with the Home Learning Maps
- You will receive Personalised Learning Intention Activities on Monday afternoon. These will remain the same for the duration of the lockdown period and are activities to build into your daily routine additional to the Home Learning
- During the week, your child's key worker will call you. They will discuss how your child is and will offer support and advice in completion of the learning activities. You can request additional resources which are specific to your child during this phone call
- Please send in photos of your child completing their home learning activities to your child's class email address

Please do not hesitate to email/ring school if you have any queries in the meantime

Testing in School

Lateral Flow Testing of staff will start next week.

This will then roll out to secondary aged pupils who are in school the following week. Testing is not mandatory but by parental consent. We will send more information out about this next week.

Whole school information

Parent/Carer support group

Parent/Carers support group is Wednesday 13th January from 19:30 to 21:00. If you would like to attend please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk. We will be talking about Childrens mental health.

Free data increase or access to the internet:

The government have announced a scheme around free data on certain networks to access educational websites. We can apply for this for you so please contact parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk if you are interested.

Food Parcels:

During this time, we understand that many people will not be able to work or have reduced hours. The financial impact of this is significant, and we want to help where we can. We are able to access food parcels with basic cupboard store foods, such as cereal and pasta for families. This is not assessed, and there is no form to complete, you simply need to email Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk, and let us know that you would like one. All information is kept confidential.

Free School Meals:

Please use the following links to view the food hampers available to parent/carers who are eligible for Free school meals. Please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk if you would like these hampers, you would need to be able to collect from school once they have been delivered. We are still waiting for the government to release final details of the Free school meal vouchers during the national lockdown, we will share this information with you as soon as we receive it.

[Food Hamper week 1](#)

[Food Hamper week 2](#)

Attachments

Please see below links to information from Umbrella:

[Umbrella Male Carers Support Group](#)

[Umbrella Newsletter January 2021](#)

Derbyshire Parent/Carer Voice: From the age of 14 young people and adults with a Learning Disability are entitled to/offered an Annual Health Check. Please use the following link to access Derbyshire Parent/Carer Voice's poll and tell them your views [Here](#). For more information please use this link: <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/latestnews/>

Upcoming dates from the school calendar