



Class/Pathway information

Secondary age pupils- COVID home testing:

[Please click here for a letter](#) about home testing for our secondary aged pupils. We have had no further Covid cases and continue to test as a staff team twice a week. Please use this [LINK](#) to Report results.



Covid Test Reporting

[Please click this link](#) to read why reporting your results is as important as taking the test.

Whole school information

COVID bubble closure

Our sincerest apologies for the impact bubble closures are having on many of our families. Over a third of our teaching staff have been isolating this week. In this situation, we have not got the staff ratios to ensure the safety of the children in school. As the Delta variant is picking up pace through school populations this is having an impact on both staff and students in many schools. We appreciate your support and patience. Where possible we will keep bubbles open and children in school. A letter has come out to all parents from the Health Secretary for Derbyshire County Council, advising when to book PCR tests for your child, [please click on this link](#) to access it.

COVID Tracing close contacts and Isolation

When England moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, we will be removing the need to keep children and young people in consistent groups ('bubbles') in schools, colleges and out-of-school settings and the need to reduce mixing in early years settings.

Also from Step 4, education and childcare settings will not routinely be required to undertake contact tracing for children and young people. We expect settings to continue to fulfil their contact tracing responsibilities up to Step 4 (or six days after term ends – whichever is earlier).

From that point onwards, close contacts will be identified directly by NHS Test and Trace. Settings may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases. Pupils and students who test positive will be subject to the normal test and trace process, which will identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

From Monday 16 August, children under 18 years old, and those who are double vaccinated, will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact. At this point, close contacts of a positive case will be informed by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Self-isolation will continue for those who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Ice Cream Van

On Tues 20th July we have booked an ice cream van as a summer treat. Please send your child with £1.50 to take part. Please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk to opt out.

Sun cream

As the weather improves, please ensure you apply 12hr sun cream to your child prior to them coming into school in the morning. If your child requires top up of cream during the day for medical reasons, please email healthcare@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Barber

The barber who came to school is happy for parents to contact them to book appointments at his barbers in Heanor. The best way to contact is either through Facebook or download the Booksy app (genesis barbers is on there with appointments) or email zowie.parry@icloud.com and she will book you an appointment.

Parents and carers support groups.

At Brackenfield we started support group during the first lockdown to support parents and carers, these continued over the last academic year as parents and carers found them useful. We are in the process of looking at these again, and would like to know your thoughts, what would support you best and how we can do that. Please click on the link below to complete a short survey, taking less than 2 minutes. Thank you.

[Annual Support Group Feedback](#)

Parent and Carer drop-in session.

Our next support group will be on 28th July, this will be a virtual drop-in session starting at 7:30pm until 9pm. If you would like the link please click here [Drop in sign up form](#)

Teddy

Teddy our school dog has arrived and has spent this week in school. He has met some of the children this week. He is enjoying his time in school, especially eating the grass in the forest schools area.



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](#) to view Derbyshire County Councils Erwash Community update for June/July 2021.

[Please click here](#) to view information from Derbyshire County Council's around Careers Services and Redundancy Support

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Summer Holidays:

The last day of term is **Wednesday 21st July 2021**, a reminder that school will **finish at 12:00pm** on this date. School reopens to students, **Monday 6th September 2021**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the 2021-2022 school holidays.