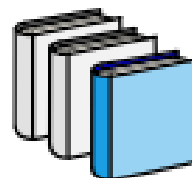




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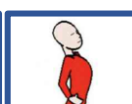
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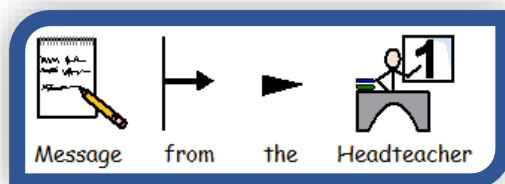


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Dear Parents/Carers,

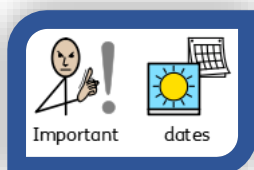
It has been another eventful year and we almost made it to the end without widespread disruption through track and trace. Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks which have been very challenging for the school.

Despite this and the lockdowns, the children have continued to amaze us and go from strength to strength. The school has also continued to expand, and we are delighted that cabinet have extended our age range to 3 year olds and that we have had planning granted for a 4 classroom extension.

In September there will be a staggered start for secondary aged pupils to enable us to complete testing on return to school, information has been sent out to those affected and it is also detailed in this newsletter. For all other children, including new starters, we look forward to welcoming them back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your support this year. I hope you have a relaxing holiday over the next 6 weeks, please keep your class teams updated via their class email box of any adventures you get up to. Photos would be especially great; this allows staff to talk to the children about what they have done over the holidays.

Mrs Turner  
Headteacher



Secondary pupils Covid tests	First day back (Primary)	Secondary pupils Covid tests	First day back (secondary)	Open evening
2/9/21 pm	6/9/21	6/9/21 pm	7/9/21	29/9/21

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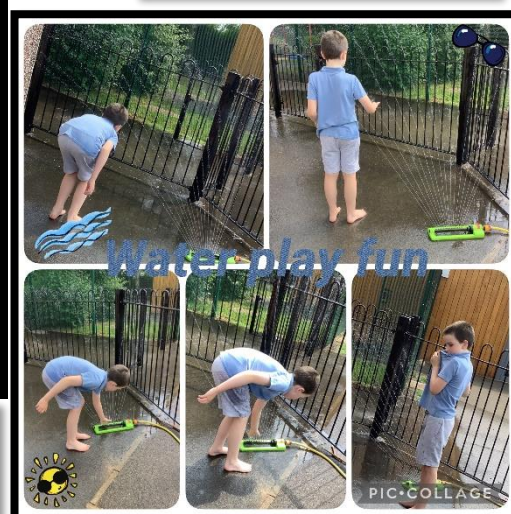
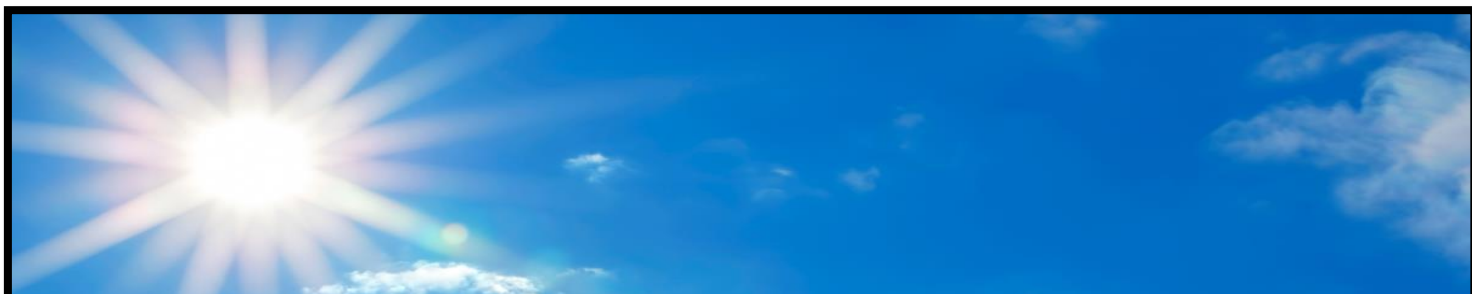




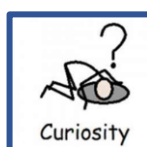


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### Age range - Consultation to lower the age range

A proposal was submitted to Derbyshire County Council to alter the lower age limit at Brackenfield SEND School from 4 years to 3 years.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July the cabinet approved the proposal, [please use this link for more information](#). From September 1<sup>st</sup> we are able to offer places to 3 year olds.



## Covid Testing in September

### Secondary aged pupils- on site Covid testing September

Pupils who have given consent, will be brought by parents/ carers to have tests on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Class teams will be in touch to plan your appointment time. Please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) with any queries.

**All secondary aged pupils will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

[Please complete this form to give consent for your child to take part in onsite COVID in Sept. it is voluntary.](#)

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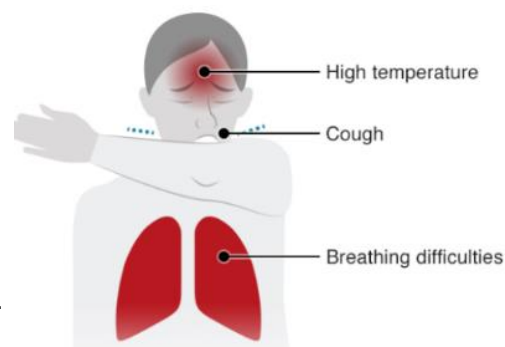
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### ***What are the Coronavirus symptoms?***

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.  
(You do not need to measure your temperature)

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed. you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.



To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy, or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

### ***What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at home?***

You must keep your child off school if they develop Covid-19 symptoms. Your child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of your family should self-isolate for 10 days. You should also consider getting a test for your child or any family members with symptoms.

### ***What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at school?***

If your child develops symptoms at school, we will call you and ask you to collect your child. Your child will be unable to attend school for 10 days whilst they are self-isolate. In school, we will follow a strict process to ensure other pupils are safe and your child is kept safe and calm. We will provide home learning packs to support a school routine at home.

### ***What should I do if my child has symptoms?***

The Government advise anyone with COVID-19 symptoms gets a test.

### ***How do I book a test for my child?***

You can book a test through this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

### ***Does my child have to have a test?***

We appreciate this may be a distressing experience for your child and therefore understand if you do not do this. We will still require your child to follow the self-isolation rules and be off school for 10 days.

### ***When can my child return to school?***

Your child can return to school after 10 days of isolation or after a negative test result and no one else in your household is symptomatic. You MUST email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) to inform the senior leadership team of the result before your child returns to school. You can also call or text 07930909976 with your child's name and test result.

If you have any questions, please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will get back to you within 24 hours. If you want to speak to someone on the phone, please call the school office on 0115 9733710.

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Hello and Welcome

### Hello, my name is Teddy!

Teddy has now joined us at school. He has been round and met some of the children. He is very pleased to be in school and has enjoyed meeting everyone. Teddy is now nearly 3 months old and was required to socialise in school between 8 and 12 weeks. He has had his vaccinations and a recent puppy check and is in good health. He has food, which is especially made for him, which is delivered every two weeks, though he is so small that he doesn't eat a lot (he's not a typical puppy in that respect!!). He enjoys playing fetch with the ball and investigating the forest school's area. He has his bags packed for the summer holidays where he will be going to the seaside in Tenby in Wales and in Dorset.



### Parents and Carers Virtual Support Group



The group meets every other Wednesday night from **7:45pm to 8:45pm**.

The groups are planned **11th August- Sleep**

If you would like to attend any of these please email [earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). Fiona will send you a joining invite and details of how to log on. If you do not feel brave enough to have your camera and mic on at first that is fine, you can come along to listen, there is no pressure for anyone to talk if they do not want to. The group is friendly and supportive, there are parents with children in different classes, some of our parents have even met up with their children to have socially distance walks/playdates, so it is a great way to build connections.

If the time/day is not suitable, we are always looking at how we can build social connections for our parents/carers, so if the day or time is not ideal, please let us know your thoughts so we can look at what works best for most parents/carers.

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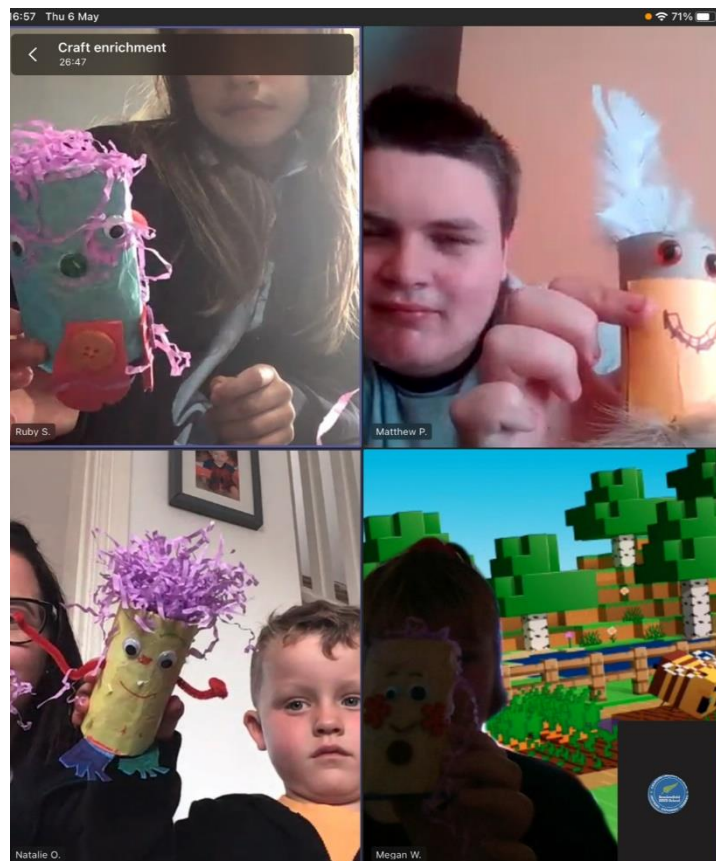
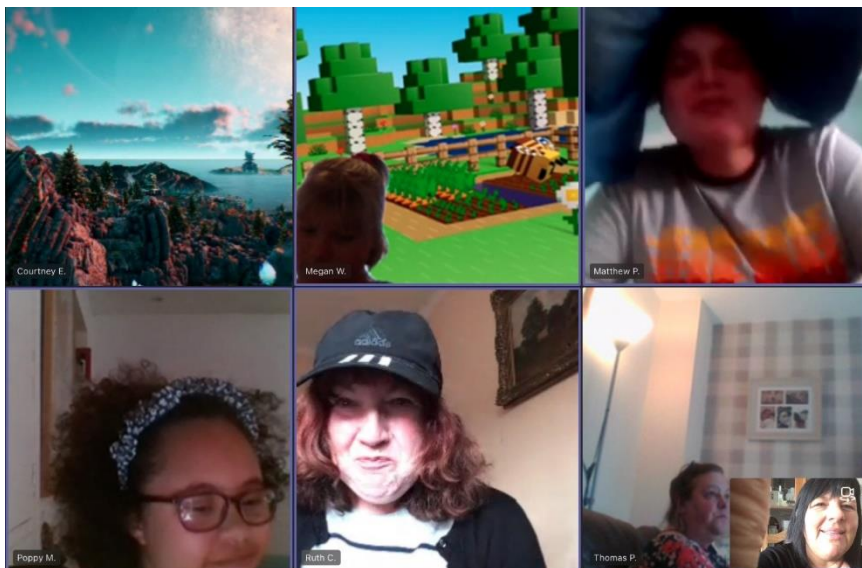
Virtual



Enrichment

We will be hosting 3 enrichment sessions during the summer's holidays on August 4th, 11th, and 18th from 10am.

[Please complete the consent form for your child to receive an invite.](#)



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This is our online safety policy for you pupils.

This sets out our expectations of pupils and aspirations for them too.

If something concerns you about what your child is doing on Teams or online, please report to [safeguarding@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)






## Pupil Online Safety Policy

Together we can

**KEEP YOU SAFE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD.**

At Brackenfield we want everyone to:

 Belong	 Believe	 Be Brave
Caring for each other Helping each other Wearing our uniforms	Trying our hardest Treating everyone fairly Listening to each other	Never giving up Trying even when we find something hard Telling the truth

### What is online?

Information and Communications Technology covers lots of things including.

- Websites
- E-mail, Instant Messaging and chat rooms
- Social Media, including Facebook and Twitter
- Mobile/Smart phones, Tablets and Ipads
- Gaming, especially online such as PlayStation, Xbox
- Learning Platforms and Virtual Learning Environments
- Blogs and Wikis
- Podcasting
- Video Broadcasting, including live streaming
- Music Downloading

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### How to be safe online:

- **Do** use your own log in and not other peoples
- **Do** follow the schools' online rules
- **Do** only use the websites that you are allowed
- **Do** check the age of games/apps/movies/music are appropriate
- **Do not** tell people your passwords
- **Do not** tell people your personal information, such as name, address, telephone number
- **Do not** arrange to meet people who you know online
- **Do not** use unkind words when talking, texting, or emailing someone
- **Do not** download anything without checking with an adult

### What can I do if something online worries me?

- Tell someone
- Complete a school online safety log
- Call ChildLine if you are not at school 0800 1111

**If you do not know someone in real life,  
do not be-friend them online**

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For pupils, staff will:



Teach you how to stay safe online



Teach you how to use the internet and social media safely



Promote appropriate communication online and between peers

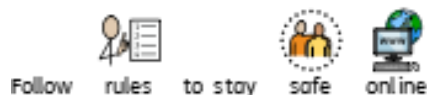


Investigate complaints you raise



Inform parents / carers of ways to keep you safe online

Pupils will:



Follow rules to stay safe online



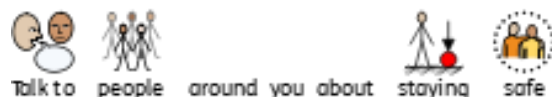
Use social media safely and always be kind online



Use kind words online and with peers



Raise complaints using the online safety log or by telling parents / carers



Talk to people around you about staying safe

These are the rules pupils MUST follow when on teams. If pupils behave inappropriately on Teams, they will have their accounts suspended to safeguard them, their peers, and staff.

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Supported



Internships



Careers



and



Personal



Development



We are keen to build relationships with a range of employers who would work with us on this fantastic opportunity. If you have any contacts or are keen to work with us, please send their details to: [pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

If you have any further questions, please email: [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)



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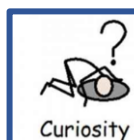
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Fund

We have spent £1065 on new bikes for the whole school to use on the Brack Track!

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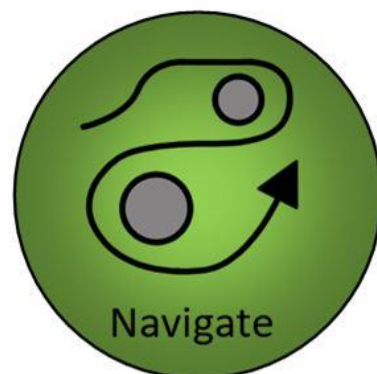
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### Maple Class

Maple class have been doing lots of intensive interactions and role play along with sensory play with enable foods such as, dried cous cous, spaghetti and rice. We have also had some time in the sensory room relaxing with the bubble machine.



### Acorns Class

Acorns class have been exploring their new classroom, enjoying the swing and large sensory room. We have been spending lots of time outdoors playing with messy play and lots of fun water play. All the children have engaged well in activities especially music and intensive interaction with new and familiar adults.

### Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have settled well into their new class space. They have been busy practicing life skills, making their own toast, buttering, and cutting the bread. We even had a go at making our own dough! Sycamore have enjoyed spending time with Mr Hardy during Forest school sessions, getting very messy but having lots of fun and enjoying being outside - come rain or sun! We have enjoyed our structured play sessions, especially role play and creating our own pretend café, gardening, and builder's yard. The children have also enjoyed sensory stories and some of us made up our own and shared with the class. It has been a lovely term in Sycamore class.



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### Elm Class

In Elm class we have been trying lots of ways to play such as shape sorting on the whiteboard, jigsaws, marble run, trains and tracks, cars, musical instruments and light up toys. The pupils have been enjoying the new routines and the sessions including Attention Autism, sensory workout, sensory story, music, and art. We have made fruit kebabs in sensory cooking and look forward to trying some different fruits in the coming weeks. During sensory workout, our class has been using symbols to ask for foods to taste including spring onion flavoured snacks, cranberries, and strawberry syrup. We have been building in turn taking, particularly with the marble run, sensory toys, and whiteboard shape sorting game. We have been welcoming four new pupils into class during their transition visits and look forward to seeing them join us full time in September.



### Willow Class

This half term we have taken part in cooking by using tools to chop vegetables and making pizzas. Willow class have also taken part in Forest schools by enjoying attention autism in the forest school's area, taking turns on the steppingstones and having a turn in the wheelbarrow. We have been developing our life skills by practicing crossing the road using the Brack track traffic lights. We have also enjoyed making England flags for the Euros and exploring mixing colours in our Art lessons. Willow class have also enjoyed playing games with the parachute during structured play. Finally, willow class have enjoyed exploring ice and how it melts as well as using the projector in sensory play!



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### ***Rain on you!***



### **Laurel Class**

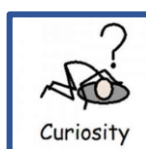
In Laurel class we have been having fun with our new friends in our new class. We have been looking after the babies, meeting our new school dog who we all love and having lots of shared enjoyment doing bucket time!



### **Rowan Class**

Rowan class have enjoyed getting to know new members of the group and have all settled in well. They have been busy exploring new areas of the school during their sensory circuit sessions that take place both in the hall and on the Brack Track. Rowan class have engaged well with phonics sessions and practicing their letters in range of different ways, as well as sensory cooking, where they have made lots of yummy things such as smoothies and stuffed peppers, whilst working on their fine motor skills at the same time. Our weekly yoga session has also been a favourite of Rowan class this term, they have lots of fun trying out the yoga poses.

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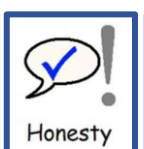
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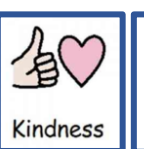
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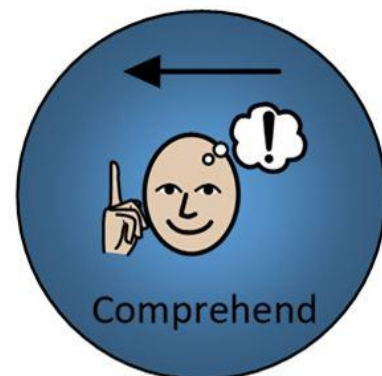
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### Conkers Class

Welcome to the new Conkers class! Pupils have really settled in well to their new class and are exploring lots of exciting topics including under the sea and reading fantastic sensory stories such as 'We're going on a bear hunt'. Conkers class have spent time in independent living and good health exploring where fruits and vegetables come from and practicing our chopping skills, all of us have tried hard and had lots of fun.



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### Hazel Class

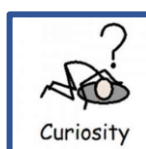
In Hazel we have been exploring our topic 'exciting explorations' learning how to cross the road safely and talking about the green cross code. In maths we have been using a range of equipment and working in groups to find new ways to explore shape. Hazel class have had great fun exploring the forest school area and created some lovely dream catchers.

We have been looking at different emotions for R.S.E (relationship,sex,education) and had great fun acting out different emotions for everyone to guess how we were feeling. We have also met and welcomed 4 new pupil starters to our class over this last 6 weeks and cannot wait for them to join our class full time in September.



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### Poplar Class

Poplar have really enjoyed getting to know each other, showing their hard work and determination this term.

We have been getting out and about in our local community, visiting the gym, park, leisure center, community basketball area and Long Eaton high street. We identified there was a problem with litter in the local community, so we have been out litter picking as well.

During English sessions we have been reading the story Stone cold and we have produced diary entries and filled out applications. We have really enjoyed the story, and some have continued to watch clips at home to find out what happens to the characters Link and Shelter.

In Maths we have been advancing our counting, addition and subtraction skills and selected key information to improve our mental maths.

We have had visitors come to talk about their jobs, we have shown great curiosity and had the courage to ask lots of questions.

Well Done, Poplar!



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### Beech Class

Beech class have enjoyed learning about different countries and the types of food they produce.

While learning about Italy we have made our own fresh pasta and also designed and made our own pizza.

We have also been learning about the importance of bees and what we can do to protect

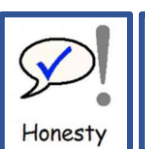
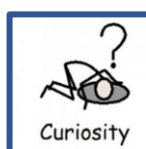


### Oak Class

In oak class we have been keeping busy. We have started going out into the community doing travel training, practicing crossing roads safely and going into shops. We have been learning about Japan, it's culture, writing our own PowerPoint about it and even tried origami! We have also started going to the gym and learning to use all the equipment.

We have also been doing cooking and making stir fry's, pasta sauce and pitta pizzas.

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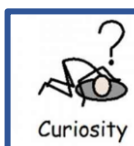


### Ash Class

What an amazing half term it has been in Ash Class. There have been so much fun, enjoyment and sparkle. We have really enjoyed our 'exploring' theme and have learnt what the word explorer means and what it means to explore. We have explored the nature in our school grounds, we have read some exciting stories; including one where we could explore what it would be like to go to space. We even turned our classroom into the moon and had a moon picnic! We have explored traditions of different cultures and countries and learnt how to use maps to explore our local area. We think travel training is so important and have been on lots of visits including the Co-op, the park, and an exciting visit to the farm. We discovered we needed to use all our senses to explore and have had lots of fun doing sensory workouts. We love Ash class and are excited to return for more magic and sparkle in September.



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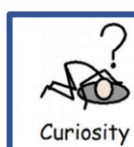


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**[earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

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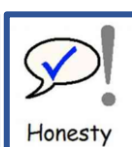
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# relate

the relationship people

Relate Derbyshire offers a range of relationship services that will be delivered by specially trained counsellors.

Relate Derby and Southern Derbyshire - Relationship Counselling - Derby, Southern Derbyshire & Burton

**Please contact us on**

**01332 349177 or 07741193484/ [info@relatederby.org.uk](mailto:info@relatederby.org.uk)**

**Including [Living Well with Autism](#):** In Derbyshire we offer support for adults with autism, their partners, families, and carers. Click [here](#) to go to our Living Well with Autism website.

### **Special Needs Circle East Midlands**

We are a charity for families with children with SEND. Offering information and advice and parent/ carer and family activities.

Online support available every day between 8am-11pm. Please see our website for activity dates and venues.

**Email:** [admin@specialneedsircle.co.uk](mailto:admin@specialneedsircle.co.uk) **Website:** [www.specialneedsircle.co.uk](http://www.specialneedsircle.co.uk)

You can also contact via Facebook

### **Derbyshire Autism Alliance**

Support for parents/ carers/ friends of someone living with Autism,

Virtual Zoom meetings,

For more information or if you are interested in joining

Call 01332 228 790

Or email [autismservice@citizenadvicemercia.org.uk](mailto:autismservice@citizenadvicemercia.org.uk)

<https://www.autisminformationservice.org.uk/autism-alliance-special-events/>

Umbrella Derby and Derbyshire

Support for children and young people and their families with disabilities and additional needs

Monday- Friday family support, Monday- Sunday groups and activities

[familysupport@umbrella.uk.net](mailto:familysupport@umbrella.uk.net)

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A free, confidential service provide advice, support and information for neurodiverse adults, young people and their families.  
0800 031 5445

### The Disability Employment

We support disabled people to find training, work experience, voluntary work and paid employment. Employment is not just about earning money. It provides social contact, structure, friendships and can improve wellbeing and self-esteem. The Disability Employment Service can make employment a realistic option for many disabled people.

#### For Further information

Please contact **Shaun Lewis**, Project Officer for South Derbyshire

Tel: 07989 408 492 email: [shaun.lewis@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:shaun.lewis@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Or call the Disability Employment Service office:

Tel: 01629 532440 email: [disabilityemploymentservice@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:disabilityemploymentservice@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Web: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/dep](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/dep)



### ACE Youth Trust

ACE Youth Trust is a registered charity (No. 1120282) run by a board of volunteer Trustees from the Ashbourne area. ACE aims "to provide recreational/leisure activities and support/guidance" to young people aged 11-19 "intended to help them grow as individuals and improve their quality of life" (Trust Deed of Amendment 18 July 2010). The Trust currently operates within the local education authority catchment area for Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Ashbourne (QEGS) and the Weaver Ward of East Staffordshire (Mayfield)  
<http://www.aceyouth.org.uk/>

Shoutout CIO- Provision of Support and group gathering for adults with varied disabilities  
Provision of meeting weekly and providing outings and regular contact and support for adults with varied and mixed disabilities. Sessions normally held at Woodville Youth Centre.  
[Email:Shoutout17@gmail.com](mailto:Shoutout17@gmail.com) or [kimangelacoe@gmail.com](mailto:kimangelacoe@gmail.com) Website: [www.Shoutout-sd.org](http://www.Shoutout-sd.org)

Goseley Activity Provision CIO -GAP: Chill Out Club. Sessions normally held at Woodville Youth Centre.

[Email: Trustee@gapcharity.com](mailto:Trustee@gapcharity.com) or [kimangelacoe@gmail.com](mailto:kimangelacoe@gmail.com) Website: [www.gapcharity.com](http://www.gapcharity.com)

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# Adult Care Fact sheet

## What is the Disability Employment Service?

The Disability Employment Service is based within Derbyshire County Council's Adult Care department. The purpose of the project is to assist disabled people looking for employment, work experience, voluntary work and training. It is also to support managers, team members, and anyone else who may require support.

### Who can access the service?

- Disabled people from the age of 16 upwards
- External partners who are working with disabled people
- Recruiting Managers

### How can I use the service

You can use the service to:

- get support regarding reasonable adjustments
- get support recruitment and selection methods
- get support with interview questions and techniques
- get ongoing support to support a disabled member of your team

### What are the benefits of using the service?

Employing disabled people can be a daunting prospect for some recruiters, be it the unknown, possibly a previous experience that did not work out well, reasonable adjustments available, funding opportunities from external partners. The project can assist you with sourcing information, offering ongoing support to both the Manager and the employee, help to find positive solutions if issues do arise for all parties concerned.

### How do I contact the service?

You can either call on 01629 532440/532441 or email [disabilityemploymentproject@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:disabilityemploymentproject@derbyshire.gov.uk).

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### INVITATION



## Derbyshire Volunteer Passport

### Online Training for Volunteers - Free

The Volunteer Passport accredited training course explores key topics connected to volunteering (leaflet attached). We have a course scheduled to take place (see below) which has spaces available.

Venue: Online via Teams

Session 1: Tues 13/07/2021	Person Centred Approach 17:30 – 19:30
Session 2: Tues 20/07/2021	Health & Safety 17:30 -19:30
Session 3: Tues 27/07/2021	Equality Diversity & Inclusion 17:30 -19:30
Session 4: Tues 03/08/2021	First Aid 17:30 -19:30
Session 5: Tues 10/08/2021	Keeping Yourself & Others Safe 17:30 -19:30

This course will be run over Microsoft Teams

You must attend all five sessions to pass the course

Deadline for applications 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

If you are interested in attending please fill in the attached personal profile form and return it to

[CAYA.BSHQSupport@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:CAYA.BSHQSupport@derbyshire.gov.uk) and we will book you on the course.

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