



Whole School Information

Filming in School

Earlier this year we were made an 'Equals Curriculum Exemplar School' due to our work with equals and our curriculum approach. [Equals Curriculum Exemplar Schools EQUALS](#)
 On Tuesday 6th December we have a film company in school to video aspects of the school day. This footage will be used to create a video for Equals that showcases our curriculum approaches. The school's name and first names of pupils (along with video footage) maybe used. This is an important video for us as a school and Equals - please complete this [permission form](#) so we know if you are happy for your child to be included in this video. The video may be made available to the wider public.

Available Courses

As part of the school we also have the East Midlands SEND Training Hub where we run courses for staff within school and from outside of school. Two courses we have coming up maybe of interest to parents and you would be welcome to book onto these. There is a cost involved to these courses as they are run by outside professionals. If you do want to attend please you the links to book below. If you want more information, please email jlacey@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Introduction to Intensive Interaction – 1st December 2022 £150 – Book [Here](#)

Everyone attending this course will: have a general overview of intensive interaction; have a general knowledge of the nature of intensive interaction; understand the principles and techniques of intensive interaction; have practical and technical information that will enable you to start practicing following on from the course and learn about the fundamentals of communication.
 This course would be excellent for parents of children who are non-verbal or who have very limited communication.

Sensory Processing Disorders – 19th January 2023 - £85 – Book [Here](#)

This one-day workshop is led by a senior Occupational Therapist at Children's Sensory Therapy who has vast expertise and experience in Sensory Processing Disorder and Sensory Integration. Its aim is to increase understanding of Sensory Processing Disorder and offer practical guidance, ideas and strategies to support children who may struggle with sensory processing. Understanding a child's challenges with sensory processing and how the school can support, can make a big difference to a child's learning experience as well as their continued growth and development.
 This course would be ideal for parents of children who have sensory processing disorders.

School dinners

Dear parent/carers, please complete the short survey regarding ordering school dinners for your child: <https://forms.office.com/r/7UFfmS740h>

Boop- use website

Please remember to use the website desktop to access updates on Boop as the app is not ready yet. We have 96% of families on the site, which is much higher than before.

Family Support Group

The family's team will be hosting another support group on Tuesday 13th December 9:30 – 11:30. This is a drop-in session, and the theme is Christmas, we will be making Christmas cards and of course there will be mince pies with your tea.



Please let us know if you will be coming along so we have enough pies for all.
 Contact earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Wet Weather Wear Reminder

Can we please ask that you send in named wellies (or suitable outdoor footwear) and waterproof clothing for use during the wet weather. It may also be appropriate to send in named spare clothes, including socks to provide a change if needed. If you require support in sourcing these items please let us know by emailing parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



School Uniform - Simply First



Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed the way they operate their shop.

Parent/carers are now being directed to the website: www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk to place orders. You will then be sent an invoice for payment, and once payment has been received the order will be processed and you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect. Payments are made via bank transfer using their order name and invoice number (important) as payment reference.

Please note from **Monday the 4th of April 2022** Simply First will be operation from a new Premises:

Container Self-Storage - Simply First Ltd

The Embroidery Pod, Unit 13, Block B, Ind Estate, Mark St, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5AD.

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

Sign of the week:

Our sign of the week this week is 'To Think' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign [To Think \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)



Have your say on education, health and social care

Follow the link to tell us your views:

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/consultations/>

This is your opportunity to tell us what's important to you via our latest parent carer survey.

We had a great response from you all on the SEND Green Paper survey and we now want to know more about what your specific areas of concern are around education, health and social care and what support might help.

This is to ensure Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) targets work in the right places with your voice as parent carer of a child or young person of Special Education Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) at the heart of this work.

The closing date is: **Friday 16th December 2022**

Your views are important, many thanks in advance for completing the survey.

The DPCV Team

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up for Christmas half term on **Thursday 22nd December 2022 at 12pm** until **Friday 6th January 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the 2022-2023 school holidays.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the Autumn and Winter Menu 2022-2023