



### Whole School Information

#### 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](mailto:jlacey@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

#### Sensory Processing Disorders – 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 so the children can still access outdoor learning. If you require support in sourcing these items, please let us know by emailing [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

#### Family Support Group

**ONLINE SAFETY** - With Christmas fast approaching some children will be getting new or upgraded devices, older devices may be handed to younger children. This is an ideal time to read information about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child.

#### Setting Up Devices:

Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides which you can find here, <https://www.internetmatters.org/childrens-online-safety-this-festive-season/> there are also some good console buying advice and tips on <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/gaming-consoles-for-children/>

#### PlayStation safety:

Sony PlayStation and Internet Matters have got together and created a wonderful interactive quiz for children and parents to learn together how to make the most of PlayStation settings for safer gaming. This is a great idea to get conversations going and for parents to learn more about the games which their children play. You can access the interactive quiz here, <https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

#### Online Scams -Two-Factor Authentication:

Online safety includes scams, particularly related to security, identify theft and much more. As to be expected, criminals are becoming very clever at what they do and historic advice such as, "check the web address, check for the green padlock (secure connection)" etc. just doesn't work anymore. Web addresses can be spoofed, phone numbers can be spoofed. And even two-factor authentication (2FA) is not a solution anymore.

Criminals often use simple social engineering tactics to trick a person into carrying out an action

(e.g., urgency, fear, curiosity). A good example of this is <https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2022/11/21/how-social-media-scammers-buy-time-to-steal-your-2fa-codes/> and although this is related to Facebook, similar tactics have been seen on other social media.

If/when you are talking to students about security and scams it is vitally important to delve into these social engineering tactics which criminals use. If something gives us a sense of fear and urgency, we need to stop and critically think.

#### **Discord:**

Discord has been around since 2015 and whilst it has normally been seen as the social media app for gamers, this has changed. Primary schools all over the country have shown that Discord is very popular across UKS2 not just for gaming but used by many children simply as a means to keep in touch with friends and family (as per WhatsApp) or joining others in conversations on servers. For more information check out, <https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-discord-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

#### **Sextortion:**

Sextortion is a crime which is growing in numbers as it is concern. There is some research which suggests that males (e.g. teen boys) are the dominant target group but as with anything of this nature the reality is it can be anyone.

Darren Laur is a (virtual) friend and very much a trusted source when it comes to this type of crime. For many years of his life he was in law enforcement investigating these crimes and he now supports schools and young people in Canada. Darren has written an excellent, comprehensive article which you can read here, <https://thewhitehatter.ca/sextortion/>

#### **Family Support Group**



The family's team will be hosting another support group on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

If your child is absent, please call absence on 0115 9733710 or extension 2024 by 10:00am or in exceptional circumstances only email [earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) as other inboxes are not always manned. If we are unable to make contact home visits will be carried out by a member of the family support team.

Thank you for your support.

#### **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Swim' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign [To Swim \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org)

**Moorways Sports Village** has inclusive play every Friday 6-7:30pm at the reduced cost of £2 It usually costs £3.50 at all other times. It is spacious with a little café. A child's membership is £3 for the year, this gets you 40% discount of all the activities and parents /carers go free.

**Sing and Song:** Please be aware this is BSL and not Makaton.

**Sign & Sing is back**

*When - 13th Dec 2022 7pm - 9.15pm*  
*Where - Woodlands School,  
Blenheim Drive,  
Derby,  
DE22 2LW*

*Tickets - £5.00 Adults, £2.50 Child*

CONTACT COLIN FOR TICKETS  
EMAIL - COLINTHOMSON888@AOL.COM  
TELEPHONE - 07780656691 (TEXT ONLY)

MONEY RAISED FOR EAST MIDLANDS DEAF  
CAMP

SEN Disco 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

# S.E.N. DISCO

WITH SENSORY PLAY ACTIVITIES  
NEXT DISCO ~ FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Session 1: £5 per SEN child: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Age 4+ suitable for infant/junior children

Sensory activities, low light/sound

Session 2: £5 per SEN child: 6:45pm-8:15pm

Up to Age 19 suitable for Secondary age children

Louder party music and brighter lights

Parent/carer must stay & supervise

Siblings Welcome to December disco

drink and tuck shop - cash only

THIS S.E.N. DISCO WILL BE HELD AT:

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE

WOBURN CLOSE, BLACKWELL, ALFRETON, DE55 5HH

EASE VISIT - FACEBOOK / INSTAGRAM: SENDISCO

FOR MORE DETAILS EMAIL: INFO@SENDISCO.CO.UK

OR CALL ANDREA TO

ARRANGE TICKET PAYMENT: 07733060448

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

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