



Whole School Information

Scarlet Fever Communication from UKHSA

Dear Parent/Carers, Please the following link for information and advice received from UK Health Security Agency on the 7th December 2022 on Scarlet Fever:

<https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/increase-in-scarlet-fever>

Whilst we have no confirmed cases in school there is a high level of related illnesses. Please see your child's GP if they are unwell with any of the listed symptoms.

The first symptoms of scarlet fever often include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting.

After after 12 to 48 hours the characteristic fine red rash develops (if you touch it, it feels like sandpaper). Typically, it first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the rash may be harder to spot, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present

Further symptoms include:

- fever over 38.3° C (101° F) or higher is common
- white coating on the tongue which peels a few days later, leaving the tongue looking red and swollen (known as 'strawberry tongue')
- swollen glands in the neck
- feeling tired and unwell
- flushed red face, but pale around the mouth. The flushed face may appear more 'sunburnt' on darker skin
- peeling skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area, as the rash fades

It usually takes 2 to 5 days from infection before the first symptoms appear. However, the incubation period may be as short as 1 day and as long as 7 days. Scarlet fever usually clears up after a week, but it is advisable to visit your GP to get a full diagnosis and proper treatment.

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

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.

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

Stay and Play session

Dear parents/carers, On **Thursday 15th December**, we are inviting parents/carers of students from our informal classes to a Christmas themed stay and play in the school hall from 1pm until 3pm. There will be a variety of activities to enjoy, including snow man modelling and mixing reindeer food as well as photo booth. Please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/fYcZuPfsmu> if you would/would not like to attend so we can have activities for all.

Festive Giving



As we approach the end of term and the holiday season, we're aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of you are facing at the moment. As such, we want to emphasise that our staff are not expecting any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and parents. Due to the potential impact of the cost-of-living crisis on many families this winter, we would like to request that you refrain from giving presents to staff. If you insist on giving something this festive season our staff love homemade cards and letters – kind words mean a lot!

Or please donate an item to the local foodbank in their name details of the local foodbank can be found [here](#)

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

If you need support over the holidays, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk or phone 0115 9733710 and choose the child services option.



Communication Strategies

Please complete this form to register your interest in learning more about different communication strategies

<https://forms.office.com/e/GXPgwzWVVe>

Santa's Inclusive Grotto...is back!



This year we have a new location - with parking.

The new location means we can have an outdoor display area with a hot chocolate & coffee stall.

(Fingers Crossed) We will also have a small Christmas tree farm where you can pick your own Christmas Tree. It's going to be very festive 🎅

As always the event is 100% free. If you haven't already, please book your slot at Santasinclusivegrotto.co.uk.

Let's make this Christmas extra special.

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 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.



Wow Moments

We love to hear about amazing things our pupils are doing at home! Please send in pictures or let us know what great things they are doing, and we can upload these to each pupil's BOOP profile. Please send them to

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 'Sister' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign [Sister \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

Umbrella

Please use [this link](#) to view the December 2022 bulletin from Umbrella

Nadia Jane Performing Arts:

In partnership with the Department of Education and the Local Authority Nadia Jane Performing Arts are running the Derbyshire Haf activities in Long Eaton. The Activities are for ages from 4 years to 16 years.

Please [click here](#) for information on what we will be doing each day.

The activities are completely free for any of your pupils that are receiving Free School Meals, any child needing SEND support, any child that is vulnerable or having a disability.

All Young People will receive a hot meal and drinks plus a day trip with transport and meals included. Places are limited and early registration is essential.

The activities will be held at our new dance studios:

Leopold Street

Long Eaton

NG10 4QD

To book in you can contact us 07956264571.

Email - nadiajanedance@yahoo.co.uk

Winter Holiday Clubs

It's About Me! is running FREE activity clubs in Derbyshire for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Please click on the image for more information.



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 16th 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

Christmas Schedule:

13th December 2022, Decode - Christmas fair in school, parents invited - crafts and carols

15th December 2022, Comprehend - Student trip to snow dome

15th December 2022, Navigate and Communicate from 1pm Stay & Play (for families who respond to invite, in the school hall).

16th December 2022, Navigate and Communicate immersive Christmas theme in hall for students (snow globe, snow machine, inflatables)

20th December 2022, Comprehend - PM Christmas Carol and arts and crafts - parents invited

20th December 2022, Decode Derby Theatre (students)

24th January 2023, Whole school Pantomime Snow White

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