



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

On behalf of Brackenfield School, I would like to express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as well as her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

We will work with students over the coming days and months, to, where appropriate help them understand what has happened and why there are and will be further changes to our country as a result. We are also aware of the potential emotional impact of such an event on our pupils and staff are here to support the children and their wellbeing.

I am waiting on notification from the DFE (Department for Education) regarding any potential school closures in the event that the Queen’s funeral is held on a weekday, I will communicate any updates to you. In the meantime, any scheduled activities and events will continue as planned.

Should there be anything further we can support you with, please don’t hesitate to contact us at parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Mrs Trish Turner
Head Teacher

Whole school information

The remaining inset day has been planned and will be a different day per pathway. Please see the table for details:

Date	Pathway closed	Classes closed
Monday 17 th October	Comprehend	Willow, Conkers, Oak, Laurel
Tuesday 18 th October	Decode	Mulberry, Cedar, Beech, Hazel , Poplar
Thursday 20 th October	Navigate	Acorns, Maple, Elm, Rowan
Friday 21 st October	Communicate	Sycamore, Pine, Spruce, Hickory, Ash

Wednesday 19th October will be our parents open evening. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Collection from School in case of illness

If your child becomes ill at school and needs collecting, it’s your responsibility to collect your child and take them home. If you are unable to do this, we will support where we can. This may mean booking a taxi to collect yourself, then collect child and take you both home. We do not always have the onsite staff to be able to transport home.

Marvellous ME- changing to BOOP!

This year we are delighted to share with you that Brackenfield School will be using a new online platform and app called BOOP.

What is BOOP?

BOOP is a simple and effective way for our teachers and staff to record and share, with you, what’s happening during the school day. BOOP also provides our staff with the tools to capture and document a student’s progress in target areas, throughout the year.

Parents will also have access to their child's diary and content via either the BOOP website or the BOOP app.

Each Student at Brackenfield will have their own personal diary on BOOP, where teachers can add things to it, like photos, videos, notes or home-school reports. You may be notified via app notification or email when there are new BOOP posts. Parents are only notified about their child and all data stored is safe and secure.

BOOP provides an opportunity for staff and parents/guardians to effectively communicate with each other and share news in a secure way.

How will Parents access BOOP?

For the first week Parents/Guardians can access the BOOP website.

Please look out for an email invitation regarding your BOOP account in the coming days. It will come from debbie@limejar.co.uk

In this email, you will be prompted to create your BOOP account by clicking a link, which will take you to the BOOP website. You will create your personal login credentials including your user email and a password. You will then be able to log on to the BOOP website to view your child's diary and communicate with their teachers.

Please remember to never share your account details or password with anyone else.

BOOP Parent App

From next week Parents and Guardians will be able to use the BOOP Parent App as a preferred alternative to the website.

We will send out a notification including the links to download the App from iOS and Android app stores once it's ready.

Further information will be included in the next weekly bulletin.

By creating an account on BOOP, you are giving your parental/ guardian consent to the following:

- I am happy for Brackenfield School to create an account for my child on BOOP and to post images and other content relating to my child's progress on the platform.
- I understand that my child's account is private, and their content is only visible to the staff members and guardians associated with my child.
- I understand that, from time to time, my child's image may appear in group photos if students are engaged in the same activity and as such may be visible to other parents.
- You agree to not share images of any children online/on social media without permission.

#helpourheadrunthamarathon

You may or may not know that Trish Turner, Headteacher has taken on the challenge of running the London Marathon 2022 which takes place in just 4 weeks time!!! She has been training for the last few months and is running for The British Heart Foundation, a charity that help to save thousands of lives and a cause which is close to her heart!

This is no mean undertaking and as part of her charity place needs to raise £2500 for the charity.

Here is her campaign video explaining why she has chosen to run this bonkers event:

https://brackenfieldschool354-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dave_doohan_brackenfield_derbyshire_sch_uk/ETnyl3xaGgRHuZKbRZR3i-QBSumPCyolfDpczrwQYvuDXg?e=VmM81K

Here is the link to her Just Giving Page! Please get behind her and sponsor her to do this incredible challenge, every little donation will help her reach the fund-raising goal!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Trish-Turner4?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Trish-Turner4&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=5c9e8b4af9a342d99401c19a10dc3e6e

Brack Pack! She needs our support **#helpourheadrunthemarathon!!!!**

Bikeability

We are hoping to offer Bikeability sessions at Brackenfield in the coming months, to be able to ascertain your child's current ability and confidence could you please complete this form [here](#)

Parent Governor

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Brackenfield Governing Body. If you would like more information on the please contact Kim Maycock, Clerk to Governors on 0115 9733710 or email kmaycock@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.

Parent/Carer Permission Form

Please complete this form by Friday 16th September 2022 to update your child's School Permissions: <https://forms.office.com/r/LfSUxi20ud>

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

Umbrella Newsletter

[Please click here](#) to view the September edition of the Umbrella Newsletter

Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health will be running workshops and short courses as of September as part of their Wellbeing Wednesday Programmes at The Greenaway Project, Matlock. These workshops and short courses aim to provide knowledge and introduce tools as an early intervention for those experiencing mild to moderate Mental Health related issues. The workshops and courses are all designed to build resilience as a preventative measure.

To book click on the hyperlink in the flyer attached which will take you to our Eventbrite page. There is also an email address for anyone wanting further information. All the courses are free.

For your information we have included a link to their website and hyperlinks to the Eventbrite pages.

Our website:

<https://www.dfmh.co.uk/courses-workshops>

Courses include:

Mental Health Awareness Work

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-awareness-workshop-free-tickets-392498973997>

An Introduction to Mindfulness

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-introduction-to-mindfulness-tickets-391070270707>

4 Week Managing Mental Health

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4-week-managing-mental-health-course-free-tickets-392484631097>

5 Week Mindfulness Course

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/5-week-mindfulness-course-free-tickets-392321563357>

Sign of the week!

Our sign of the week is Balloon- please see this link here to a video of the sign [Makaton sign of the week - Balloon - YouTube](#)

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Summer Holidays:

School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2022** for inset days and reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 7th September 2022**.

We break up for October half term on **Friday 21st October at 14:20pm** until **Friday 28th October 2022**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

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