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Brackenfield SEND School Newsletter 2020-2021



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If you have any queries, please email:
parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

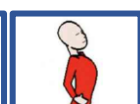
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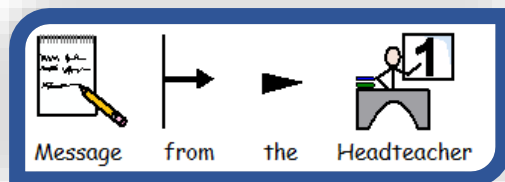


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Dear Parents/Carers,

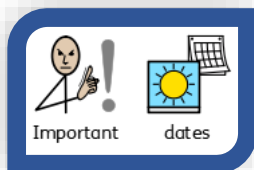
Thank you for understanding recently as we have had to close classes across the school. We apologise for the disruption caused but it has been unavoidable to ensure we keep the school safe.

I am really pleased about lots of trips going out and working with people in our wider community- the charter fair art opening was a huge success, and your children were a credit to you. The wood turning project has also been incredibly positive, with some fantastic results- the mini-Christmas trees will be sold at the winter fayre.

The break has come up at the right time to hopefully let us resume normal activities after the winter break. The rise in COVID-19 in our community is the same as other schools across the county. Public Health England are in touch and offering advice as the situation changes nationally and within Derbyshire.

And finally, we require new school governors, specifically with an educational background. Governors play a key part in structuring the school's offer to the immediate and wider community. If would anyone who is interested contact me via the parents@ email.

Mrs Turner
Headteacher



School reopens	Christmas jumper and dinner day	Winter fayre	Last day of term (1/2 day closing)	First day of Spring term
Monday 1 st November	Monday 20 th December	Tuesday 21 st December 10am-12pm	Tuesday 21 st December 12pm	Monday 10 th January 2022

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Covid Testing in Half Term

Please continue to test your secondary aged children twice a week and report the results via the link sent out in text.

Please email your class teams for additional testing kits.

If your child has cold like symptoms, PHE have advised your child stays at home to reduce transmission.

Any sickness, diarrhoea or temperatures require children to be off for 48 hours since their last bout.

Please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions.

Personal Details

Please can you complete these student update forms and return to school. If any of your personal details change over the year, please contact us via pupiladmin@derbyshire.sch.uk or class mailboxes.

Student Update Form

Dear:

The following information is held on the school's computer. Please check the information and make any corrections that are necessary on the form. The form should be returned by:

Surname:	Year group:
Legal surname:	Class:
First name(s):	Telephone:
Known name:	Email:
Date of birth:	Address:
Gender:	
Ethnicity:	Language spoken at home:
Religion:	English as an additional language:
Language:	Mode of travel to/from school:
Meal Type:	Entitled to free transport:

Contacts

Emergency contact ranking	Name/Relationship	Address	Parental responsibility
1			
2			
3			

Medical Details

Medical practice:
Doctor's name:
Telephone:

Permission to call doctor:
Permission to administer first aid:

Medical Condition	Emergency Procedures

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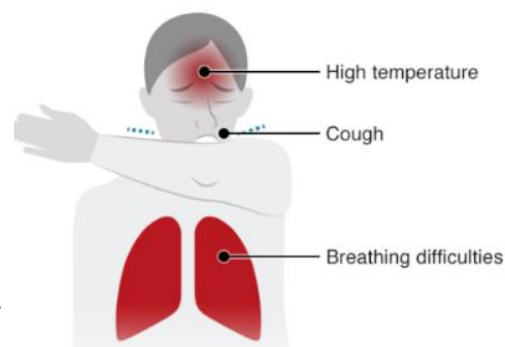
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What are the Coronavirus symptoms?

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 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 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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Please ensure pupils are aware of our online safety policy.

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






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 iPad
- 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

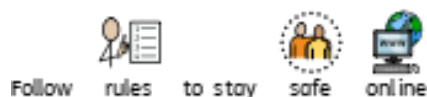


Investigate complaints you raise



Inform parents / carers of ways to keep you safe online

Pupils will:



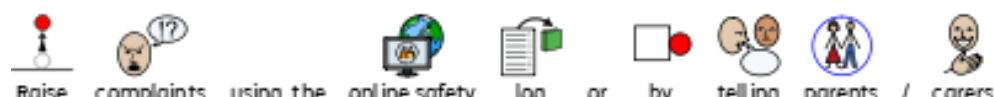
Follow rules to stay safe online



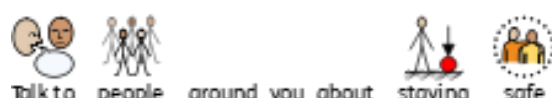
Use social media safely and always be kind online



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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Internships



Careers



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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

If you have any further questions, please email: parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



Private



School



Fund

We have not spent any money from the private school fund this half term.

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The following pages are external links and are being shared with you by the early help team. If you have any early help queries or would like some support at home, please email:

earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

[South Derbyshire Newsletter](#)

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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

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 **Website:** 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

<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

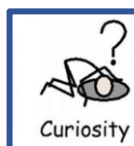
Monday- Friday family support, Monday- Sunday groups and activities

familysupport@umbrella.uk.net

01332 785658

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

Or call the Disability Employment Service office:

Tel: 01629 532440 email: disabilityemploymentservice@derbyshire.gov.uk

Web: 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 [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 [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.

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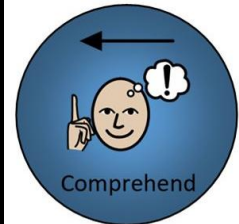


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Community Update





ACORNS CLASS

The children really enjoyed balloon week. On this week we begun by having ten balloons which the children just wanted to pop which extended to balloons being filled with rice and oats to make a sound. On the Friday we explored balloons filled with helium which the children where curious about especially seeing them float to the ceiling.



Acorns class have also had the opportunity to start to go sensory swimming, all of the children have grown in confidence each week. In Acorns class we have begun to do sensory workouts each Wednesday, and the children have engaged as a whole class and waited their turn to explore their senses. The children enjoy the tasting and listening the most!

MAPLE CLASS

Maple have been exploring different textures with insects mixed in. Our children mostly enjoyed soil play with wiggly worms looking at how they move and wriggle.

We have been doing different Halloween activities. Painting pumpkins and decorating them. Dressing up in blow up hats was also fun!





Sycamore class we're excited to spend time with Teddy, the school dog and wanted to ask Mrs. Turner questions about him.

Sycamore class loved having a singing session and enjoyed having a go at playing the guitar.



SYCAMORE CLASS



HELLO FROM PINE!

A big focus of this term has been navigating the school.



WE HAVE ALL ENJOYED SPENDING TIME GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER
ENGAGING IN LOTS OF FUN AND MESSY ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING WHAT WE
LIKE AND DON'T LIKE.

WE HAVE BEEN
SPENDING TIME
IN LOTS OF
DIFFERENT AREAS
OF THE SCHOOL
INCLUDING SOFT
PLAY, THE
SENSORY ROOM
AND OUTDOORS.





IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HALF TERM IN ELM



Elm class have enjoyed lots of different activities. They have enjoyed listening and making choices during morning songs. Exploring bells during music. Engaging in different messy play activities including foam water and sand! Chopping different fruits and vegetables during sensory cooking. Enjoying the sensory story room on a broom and participating in attention autism sessions.



WILLOW CLASS

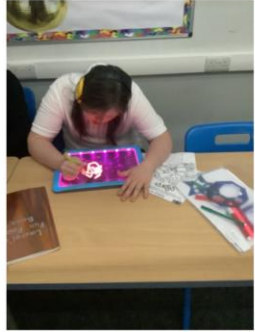
In Willow class this half term we have been exploring the weather and looked at rainbows and the different colours you can find in a rainbow. We created our own rainbow with hand prints and different collages. We have also been enjoying cooking lots of new recipes and our favourite was bread and butter pudding...delicious!



Phoebe's humorous side of being a vampire with her snack.

LAUREL CLASS

Laurel class has been exploring quarter, half and three quarters full, stating which is more and less.



PIC•COLLAGE



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The class have been having fun cooking and tasting foods from around the world, creating their own onion bhajis. We have also been using light up boards to create their own letters and words.

ROWAN CLASS

Rowan class have enjoyed different sessions this term such as: community participation, free play and attention autism. They have also thoroughly enjoyed the weather and room and the broom sensory stories! Rowan class have also loved splashing in in puddles and exploring the Brack Track during outdoor learning as well.





CONKERS CLASS

Conkers class have had a wonderful start to this term! We have had lots of opportunities to go out into the community such as going to the park for a recreational day out with a picnic, going to the shops to buy cooking ingredients, and going to the post office to deliver letters.



We have used our communication skills through tasks such as calling each other on school phones, choosing which song to play next for our morning routine, and choose what item of breakfast we would like (and using real money/a 'debit' card to pay for these as more real life practice!



HAZEL CLASS

Hazel class have been exploring new ways to exercise and have enjoyed both yoga and boxing during our P.E sessions. We have also been working together within teams and exploring different ways that we can travel to a local destination. We made peanut butter bird feeders for our feathered friends in the Forest School area and have enjoyed lots of trips to build confidence in busy areas.

Hazel class have been keeping fit and healthy with boxing. We have worked well as a team and remained very sensible with our boxing equipment.



PIC•COLLAGE

Exploring our local area with a trip to the Tesco cafe.



PIC•COLLAGE



TEAM
WORK
MAKES
THE
DREAM
WORK
11.10.2021

PIC•COLLAGE



Poplar class have enjoyed getting out and about this term. We have visited a local allotment in horticulture lessons as well as preparing beds in the school grounds.

In PE we have visited West Park leisure centre.

The class enjoyed a Comprehend pathway trip to a local park and were particularly helpful and supportive to younger students.

POPLAR CLASS

POPLAR
COLLEGE
STUDENTS ARE
MASTERING
SKILLS IN
PLASTERING
AND
BRICKLAYING.





MAKING FRIENDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



FUN AT THE FAIR





Some of Decode pathway went to the opening ceremony of the Ilkeston Charter fair. The children presented their banner to the Mayor.

Gethin and Kayden were the official bell ringers and what a fab job they did too !





ASH CLASS

What a wonderfully busy half term for ash class! We have been working on a lot of the children's independence with lots of trips out. We have seen such incredible progress from all of the children. They have become more confident and their road safety is excellent.



Whenever we go out, we even get comments from other customers about how kind, polite and well behaved they are!

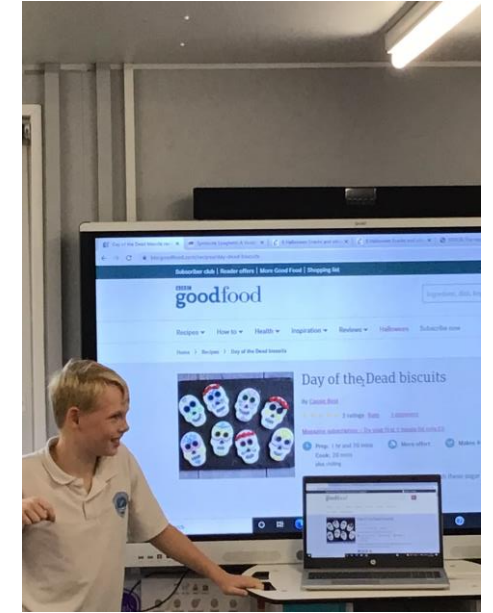


We have also been doing daily reading, phonics, lessons around the weather involving science experiments and forest schools, life skill based tasks like hoovering and cooking, as well as weekly swimming and trips.

Virtual Enrichment

Virtual enrichment has been fun this term, we have enjoyed playing quiz shows and games on a Tuesday evening, on Thursdays in craft enrichment we have made lanterns and decorated mini pumpkins.



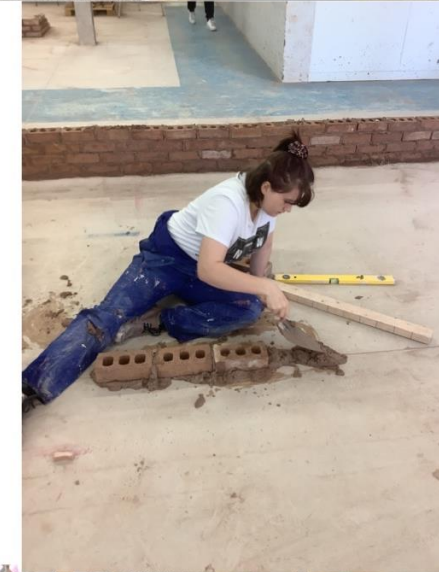


BEECH CLASS

Beech class have had lots of fun at forest school this term. Den building was a particular favourite with the children. They all demonstrated fantastic team work during this task. Beech class have been learning about the weather. The children designed and made their own kites and we tested them to see if they worked. We also made our own rain gauges and were able to use them to measure rain fall.

Oak class have had a busy few weeks. We have been out in the community, visiting a cafe, west park to have a gym session and at Derby College we have been learning how to put up plasterboard, bricklaying and how to repair holes in walls!

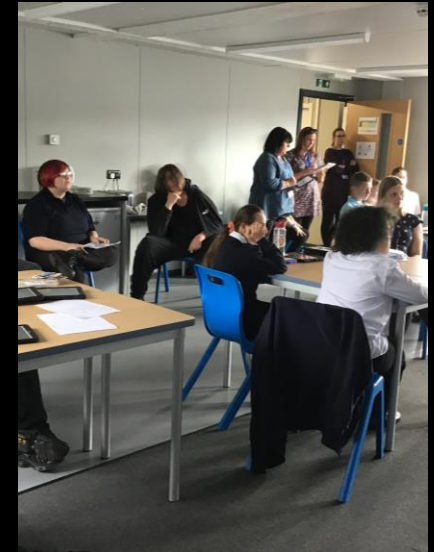
Oak Class



CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT



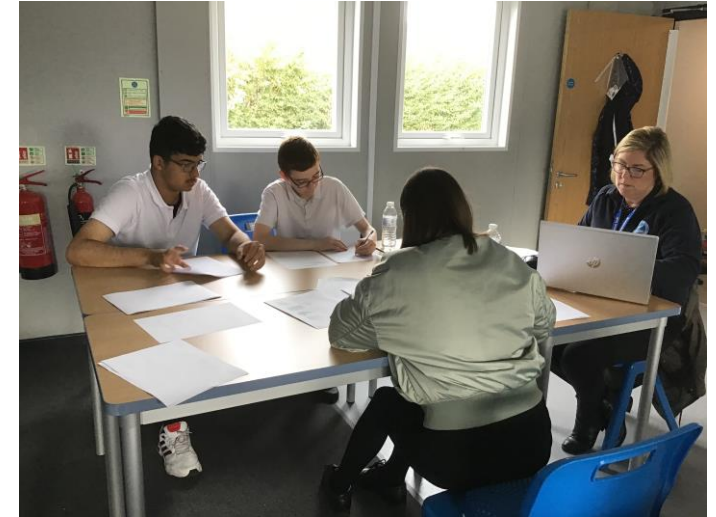
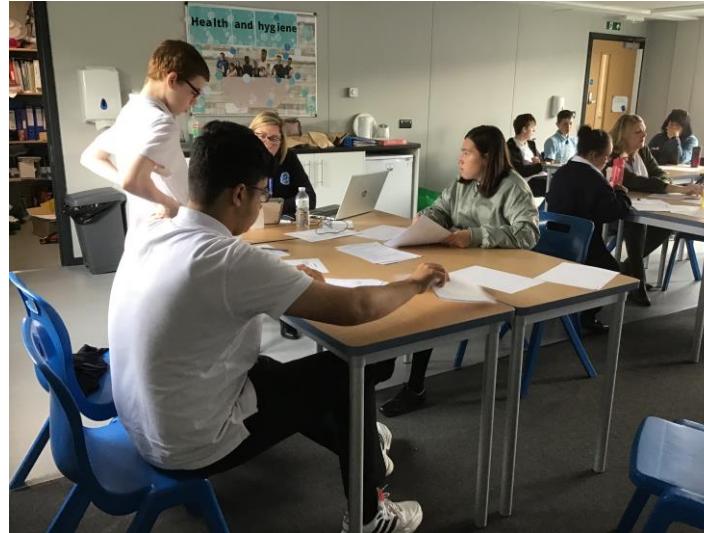
We have had lots of visits from employers discussing different career options for us as adults.

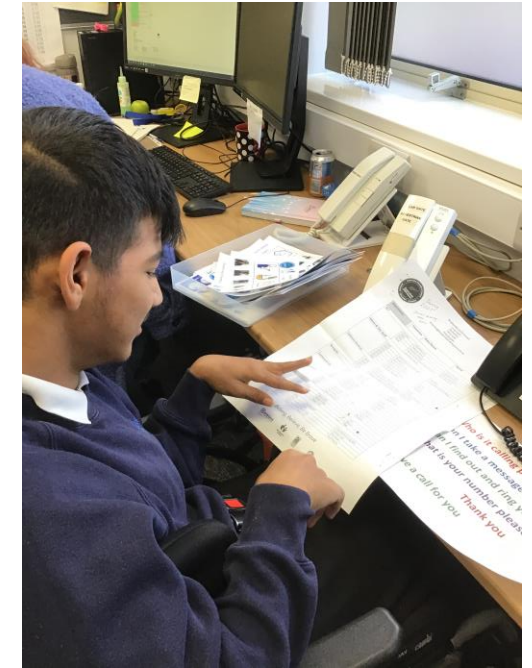


EMPLOYMENT AND CAREERS



KS4 have taken
part in virtual work
experience with
Wilmott Dixon





CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Antonin has been working hard on reception this term for his work experience



CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Ella has
begun her
work
experience
placement
offsite at a
charity shop.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT



We have taken part in wood turning workshops making Christmas trees for our enterprise project.



CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

WILLIAM, KAYCEE AND DAVID WORKED HARD AT THE WONKY TEAPOT. ALL OF THEM WERE SO HELPFUL, KIND THOUGHTFUL AND RESPECTFUL FROM LEAVING SCHOOL USING TRANSPORT TO HELPING AT THE TEAPOT AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

KS4 AND KS5
STUDENTS HAVE
TAKEN PART IN
TRIPS OFF SITE
AND ART
PROJECTS ON
SITE TOO.





OUR PREVIOUS STUDENTS

Matty has sent us pictures from his new post 16 placement. He is enjoying his classes and particularly enjoying the animals. It was so lovely to hear from him.