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SPACE



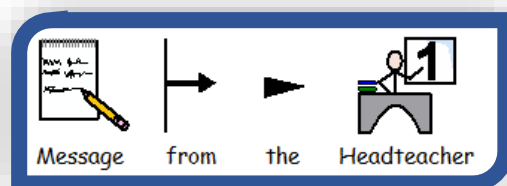
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If you have any queries, please email:
parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a hugely successful year, welcoming lots of new pupils and families to our school.

[Click here for our celebratory video to showcase our WOW moments for 2021-2022.](#) We hope you enjoy!

We have also had the new build signed over to us from Building Control just this morning, we are so excited to get in and use the new facilities and space!

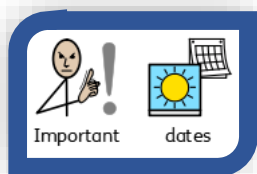
There are more exciting projects happening over the summer holidays, including an extension to our Brack Track and the first phase of development in our horticulture area, erecting two poly tunnels and constructing wheel chair accessible raised beds for the children to plant up.

As we informed you before we have been granted an additional INSET day as the Jubilee bank holiday is during our holiday time. We have planned for this to occur prior to returning in September. Next year's school dates can be found here: <https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/school-term-dates-2022-to-2023.pdf>

Have a great break over the holidays, don't forget to send in photos of your children's holiday activities to class email boxes so that staff can talk about these with the children in September.

Mrs Trish Turner and Teddy

Head Teacher and School Dog



Inset days in Sept	Back to school in Sept	October	October Half Term	Break up for Christmas
Fri 2 nd , Mon 5 th , Tues 6 th	Wed 7 th Sept	There will be a 1 day inset day per pathway scheduled	Fri 21 st Oct	Thurs 22 nd Dec 12pm

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Private



School



Fund

The school BBQ raised £570.09 which has been paid into the private school fund.

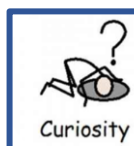


Some children struggle with the holidays especially the summer holidays, as the routines and structures of school are absent for an extended period. This link is for some self-care activities that might help over the summer [My self-care plan: primary \(annafreud.org\)](https://www.annafreud.org/primary). We also have the school online check in, <https://forms.office.com/r/q1hDoJ1VVk> this is monitored by Pastoral care staff, response can take up to a week, so if the concern is urgent please contact cover staff on the main school number (01159733710) and select option 2 safeguarding, outside of working hours if you need support please contact for Derbyshire residents Starting Point 01629 533190 and Derby City resident First response 01332 641172.

Derbyshire Household Fund

following the government announcement, the Derbyshire household fund has been extended to September. The fund supports families that are struggling with daily living costs such as electricity, gas, food or clothing. The Family support team at school are able to do the application for you. If you are struggling at the moment, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk, and we will arrange to complete the form. This scheme is open to Derbyshire Residents only, For Derby City parents there is a scheme you can apply direct to again email early help who can support you to do this.

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Derby City Council

Derby City Council Home to School Travel Service – Parent/Carer Update

21 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As stated in the May Parent and Carer Newsletter, the Home to School Travel Service was aiming to let all parents and carers know the travel arrangements for their child by the end of the summer term. Unfortunately, and due to unforeseen circumstances, the Home to School Travel Service is not in a position to confirm your child's transport arrangements by this deadline.

Please note: All transport contracts are being retendered. Therefore, your child is very likely to be traveling with a different operator from September; this means a different vehicle, with a different driver and passenger assistant (where required).

The team are working hard to secure your child's travel arrangements and will be contacting you during the summer holidays to confirm the arrangements and to arrange meet and greet visits once contracts have been awarded.

Thank you for your patience.

Our contact details are:

Tom Hay - Tom.Hay@derby.gov.uk

Helen Clarke- helen.clarke@derby.gov.uk

Telephone number: 01332 956424

Home to School Travel Service – Derby City Council.

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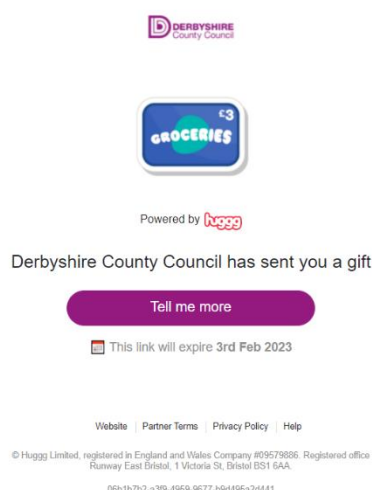


FREE summer food support vouchers for families who receive benefit related free school meals

As part of the Household Support Scheme, Derbyshire County Council are distributing one-off grocery vouchers to families eligible for benefit related free school meals. A £50 grocery voucher will be provided to every eligible child.

The Council intends to start to distribute the vouchers to families from Friday 8 July and expect the process to be completed by Wednesday 13 July 2022.

How will the vouchers be provided to parents?



The majority of vouchers will be sent out by email with a smaller number sent via text.

Emails will be sent out by the Council's voucher provider, Huggg LTD and will be sent from the address: hello@huggg.me. On occasion emails from Hugggs can be directed into a recipient's junk mail folder so please check your junk if you cannot see the voucher in your inbox.

The emails will look like this and will have a link to download the voucher:

Vouchers sent by text will be sent from the Council's 'email to text' system and will show as being sent from Derbyshire County Council. The text messages will include a link to download the voucher from the Hugggs website.

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I haven't received a voucher and believe I am eligible

If you are eligible and haven't received a voucher by Thursday 14 July 2022 you can complete the Council's online enquiry form (which will be available on the page from 14 July) at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

How can parents who are struggling financially apply for further financial support from the Household Support Fund?

Information about how parents can apply for a grant from the Household Support Fund is available on the Council's website at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund.

Grant applications via this route are taken over the phone and, due to very high demand, callers may have to wait a considerable amount of time to get through or to receive a call back.

Families **do not** have to be eligible for benefit related free school meals to access a Household Support Fund grant, as the Council recognises there may be families who are not eligible but who may be struggling financially due to being on a low income. More information about eligibility is available on the website.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

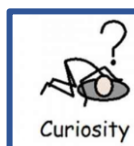
CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

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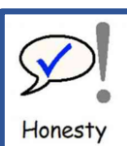
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Holiday Activities and Food Programme #HAF2022

Derbyshire County Council and StreetGames are excited to let you know that the popular holiday activities and food programme is back for the summer holidays and is completely free of charge for school aged children 4-16yrs who are eligible for benefit related free school meals!

Visit www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk now to find out more and book your free place for your child(ren) so they can take part in a local club and enjoy our brilliant mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food.

The holiday clubs are running across the county from Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September, with provision in every district/borough.

Clubs will run on average for 4 hours a day and each day your child will enjoy a fun-packed programme filled with a wide range of sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a delicious nutritious meal served up for **free**!

Book now: www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

Can't get out this summer? The itsaboutme website has loads of great ideas to keep kids of all ages entertained. There's hundreds of downloadable games and activities and links to videos that you and your family can enjoy at any time and in any weather.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity so your child(ren) can have a fantastic summer break with their friends - and be fit and ready to return to school in the autumn term.



 5-11 year olds	 12-16 year olds	 Grown-ups	 Activities Providers & Schools
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Welcome to Derbyshire's exciting Holiday, Activity and Food Programme (HAF) website for Summer 2022

At Brackenfield we build:



HOLIDAY FOOD AND ACTIVITIES

Scan here
for more!



FREE HEALTHY MEAL

SPORTS COACHING

ARTS & CRAFTS

DRAMA AND DANCE

AND MORE...

Subject to availability

derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF

FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS



Looking for things
to do with the
children over the
summer holidays?

It's About Me is running FREE summer holiday clubs in Derbyshire for children aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Every child will be given a nutritious meal too! Check out your nearest It's About Me location and register today.



Book your spot at itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk