



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Stike Action- I am sure you will have heard on the news that the NEU, one of teachers unions, has voted in favour of strike action. We do have staff in school who are part of the NEU. At this point I am not sure how this will affect our school because members do not declare whether they are intending to strike or not which makes planning such events tricky. My hope at this time, is that school will remain open as usual, however I will keep you informed of any changes to this as soon as I am able.

In the event of a partial closures planned strike days are as follows:

Wednesday 1st February

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV)

Dear Parent Carers

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) have 3 lunchtime meet and eat information sessions coming up across the county in Buxton, Chesterfield and Swadlincote, 11am - 1pm.

Come for as little or as long as you can.

Have lunch, meet other parent carers and find out about:

- DPCV (Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice) - Speak with trustees, become a member, learn about other upcoming parent carers events and tell us what information and support you need for the year ahead.
- DIASS (Derbyshire Information Advice Support Service) - Useful information about EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) Assessments, speak with DIASS representative.
- Sign up for a virtual 1:1 with Dan Careless, Strategic Lead for Schools and Learning from Derbyshire County Council, Children's Services.

Click the link below to register via the DPCV website and Eventbrite:

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/forumdates/>

We look forward to seeing you.

The DPCV Team

Immunisation information year 9 and 10:

Dear parent/carer,

Students in Year 9 and 10 are being offered their Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations.

Please visit www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete the form whether you are consenting or not.

School name: **Brackenfield Special School**

School code: **DD113031**

Date in school: **03 February 2023**

You can find out more information about vaccinations offered in school via the link below or on our website:

[A Guide to Immunisations for Young People](#)

www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations

If you experience any problems, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team.

Repton: 01283 707178

Clay Cross: 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Illnesses and Attending school



It can be difficult to know when to send your child into school when they are showing signs of illness and especially this time of year with reports of worrying illnesses. The UK health security agency advice is that children must continue to attend school as normal unless they are too unwell and have a high temperature. Further information is available [here](#) and please see when should I worry? [here](#)
If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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



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 pupils BOOP profile. Please send them to parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



Communication Strategies

We have some upcoming workshops for parents/carers please use this [form](#) to book your place on the following workshops-

Intensive interaction 24/01/22 13:00-14:30

Picture Exchange Communication System 31/01/22 13:00-14:30

Communication books and Pointing boards 7/02/22 13:00-14:30

Makaton 28/2/22 13:00-14:30

Attention Autism 07/3/22 13:00-14:30

These are suitable for all and will give chance to ask questions about how these approaches are delivered in school and request resources for home where appropriate.

If you are unsure which workshop would be best please contact

clawrence@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk You are welcome to join as few or many as you like.

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 'Sweet' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign: [Sweet - Makaton Sign of the Week - YouTube](#)

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up for half term on **Friday 17th February 2023** until **Friday 24th February 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 27th February 2023**.

Please note there is an update to the inset days for 2023. **Monday 8th May 2023** is now a Bank Holiday for the Kings coronation, school will be closed to staff and pupils on this date and the planned inset day on the **2nd May 2023** has been cancelled, school now be open to pupils on this date.

[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