



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Monday 9th January is now an inset day. All pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 10th January**. Tuesday 2nd May will be a school day for all pupils. We apologise for any inconvenience.

[Please use this link to view our Christmas Edition Newsletter for 2022-2023](#)

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



Communication Strategies

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

Intensive interaction 24/01/23 13:00-14:30

Picture Exchange Communication System 31/01/23 13:00-14:30

Communication books and Pointing boards 7/02/23 13:00-14:30

Makaton 28/2/23 13:00-14:30

Attention Autism 07/3/23 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.

Family Support Team

If you need support over the holidays, have concerns around a child or have any queries, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk or call 0115 9733710 option 1 for out of hours safeguarding support.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and happy new year. The Family Support Team.

Online Safety:

For Parents – Create a Google Account - It is recommend that parents create a Google account for their children, including those under 13. By creating an account it does mean that Google (YouTube etc.) knows a lot more about you as they can track you across different services, but

when you balance that against being able to manage accounts for children much more effectively (e.g. managing the account via Google Family Link) I think the trade-off is worth it.

For example, parents can set up 'Supervised Experience' on YouTube which gives the option of 3 levels of content filtering, based on the age of the child, and managing this from a single parent account.

As always, I think it's a matter of balance and parents should have the information so that they can make an informed decision.

Step-by-step instruction for setting up a child's email Google account can be found [HERE](#).

Risky Online Behaviour Almost Normalised - The Guardian is reporting on a new study which has been carried out with 16-19 year olds in relation to a number of online risky behaviours, including trolling, hacking, sharing indecent images and more. The figures are quite stark, e.g. 1 in 4 have trolled someone in the last year, 1 in 10 have engaged in hate speech, 1 in 3 have illegally downloaded content (piracy).

Quote - "The research indicates that a large proportion of young people in the EU are engaging in some form of cybercrime, to such an extent that the conduct of low-level crimes online and online risk-taking has become almost normalised" - unquote

You can read a little more on The Guardian website [HERE](#).

For Parents – Social Networks for Children Under 13 - There are a few apps out there for those younger children. However the challenge is that, given children primarily use social to message their friends, if their friends aren't on the app then the children won't use it. It's a real dilemma but it is worth knowing that there are alternatives out there, which you can find [HERE](#).

Advise by Age:

Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so on these pages there is some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

Pre-school - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

6 - 10 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

11 - 13 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

14 plus - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Gaming

Finding good games, as well as knowing what is appropriate for the age of the child isn't easy, particularly when there can be lots of peer pressure to play the more popular games which are not always appropriate. Taming Gaming is a great resource for parents to find new games for children as well as lots of advice about content, suitability etc.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/>

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

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

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 **Tuesday 10th 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