



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Teacher strike action. Currently we are hoping that strike action should not impact the full opening of school, however some planned activities may be changed due to staff absence. Striking teachers do not need to notify the school till the morning of the strike, as a result we will not know till the morning of the strike which teachers will be off.

Brackenfield Character Education:

[Please click here to complete this survey](#) to help us shape our Brackenfield Character education for our children.

New School Website

We've been working hard behind the scenes and our new school website is set to go live this weekend. We hope that you like the fresh new design. The site now features a search function, accessibility options and even a translate feature. The address to access the website is unchanged - <https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

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

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.

You can also download templates to put your WOW moments on from our school website. 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-

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.

Family Support and Safeguarding Advice

Omegle

Omegle is a social media platform that enables people from across the world with similar interests to interact and socialize with one another via chat or video-chat services. Users can interact with strangers anonymously.

The following is a list of the ways Omegle poses a threat to users:

1. Risk of Sharing or Viewing Inappropriate Content
2. Lack of Moderation on Video Chat
3. Anonymous Text Chat
4. Hacking of Private Messages and Videos
5. Exposure of Personal Information
6. Grooming and Extortion by Predators

Click here to access the Internet Watch Foundation website for advice about online sexual abusers and how to keep your children and home safe from this potential risk:[Parent-Resource.pdf](#)

iwf.org.uk

Haircut:

If you are interested in your child having their haircut at school, please can you complete the form here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ila6QS3RSkq59QyY52dSEVnwEusFTf9BkE_nauvSdqg9UMkhDTFBIWDJETVcwSIVWREpSM0xCUEhCMC4u

Any questions please ask the family support team on earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk or call us on the main school number

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

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.

Parents Evening:

We will be offering Parents Evening appointments on Wednesday 8th February from 3pm – 5.30pm. Other appointments during the week will be available if you are unable to make a time on the Wednesday.

Please complete this form to express your interest in a parents evening appointment and your class teacher will be in touch to confirm a time. Please complete by Wednesday 1st February.

[Parents Evening 06.02.23](#)

[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