



**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

Apologies for the disruption caused but the snow closures both yesterday afternoon and today. Closing the school is always a last resort and though local conditions to the school have not been too bad, the surrounding areas especially in the North of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire have been treacherous, and I had grave concerns about the children and staff travelling to the school and for that reason took the decision to close. Weather reports suggest the weather will be picking up over the weekend, all being well, the school will be open as usual on Monday. School closure for adverse weather will not impact on your child's attendance data.

Please read the information below and watch the video regarding the expectations regarding school attendance for your child.

**BOOP App**

We have launched both BOOP apps this week, on Android and Apple. Please let us know how you are getting on via this survey. [Click here for survey.](#)

**Illnesses and Attending school – Video please watch: [attendance.mp4](#)**



Your child should attend school every day. Sometimes your child may be too ill to come to school. Click [here](#) for a link to the NHS website which has useful information. The school times are from 8.55 – 9.10 drop off and 2.20 – 2.40 collection. If your child



is not attending school, you must ring 0115 9733710 opt 2 between 8am and 9am every day to let us know why or in exceptional circumstances only, email [attendance@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) along with any medical evidence as other inboxes are not always manned. If we are unable to make contact home visits will be carried out by a member of the family support team.

Thank you for your support.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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-  
**Sensology 14/03/23 13:00-14:30 Sensology is a great way to identify and recognise our 5 senses using everyday objects, this is also great for building listening, attention and anticipation! Please complete the form above to book**

## Online Safety Advice

### TikTok - New Screentime Settings

Last week TikTok announced that over the coming weeks a new update to the app will automatically set up a 60-minute time limit for users under 18, if users wish to extend this they will have to input a code.

To read more click [HERE](#) and there is a good 'Guardian's Guide' from TikTok [HERE](#).

### Instagram - Age Verification

There has been a lot of talk about age verification over the last few years and very little has come of it for a number of reasons, complexity and privacy being the big reasons. Currently the vast majority of online services, particularly social media, uses 'age assurance', which basically means put in your own year of birth and tell the truth.

In June 2022 Instagram announced they were introducing new age verification technology to select countries, slowly expanding worldwide. This new technology is **Yoti**, which we think is a really good solution, but the rollout from Instagram appears to be quite limited:

- You will need to prove your age if you are signing up for a new account.
- You will need to prove your age if you attempt to change your date of birth to appear over 18.

To read more click [HERE](#).

### Digital Parenting Pro

Vodafone have created a fantastic resource for parents including information, YouTube videos, and an interactive resource providing information about parental controls and safety settings.

Everything is free and you can find further information [HERE](#).

### 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Next half term we have a support group to talk about Relationships Education. We will have the chance to input into a video to support SEND parents on what they want to know, as well as speak to our Lead in school. If you have a question about talking to your child about Relationship, Puberty or Sex education, come along and chat to us. We have puberty packs available, and lots of resources we can share with families. RSE Coffee morning is on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 9:30-11:00**, Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

## Amber Valley Youth Network Event:

There will be a range of interactive workshops and activities for guests to get involved in.



Heanor Community Centre (called Spectrum, The Hub on Google Maps) is located on Market Street, Heanor.

<https://goo.gl/maps/7a1TEkwma9AqZK2u5>

There are café facilities onsite. There is an accessible toilet, and accessible entrance to the side of the building.

Access the building from 8.30am to set up. There will be an opportunity to network with other stall holders between 9am and 10am. Doors will open to schools, professionals and other visitors at 10am.

The event will end at 2pm.

Please contact Mikey with any queries between 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.

[Mikey.heald@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Mikey.heald@derbyshire.gov.uk)



**SAVE THE DATE**

## AMBER VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK EVENT

**WHAT?**  
A community network event to showcase provisions and organisations that work directly with young people within Amber Valley. There will be interactive activities and mini workshops happening throughout the day.

**Why?**  
This is a great opportunity for the whole community to come and see what Amber Valley has available for young people. It's also the perfect place for organisations to network with one another.

**WHO?**  
We invite members of the community, schools and professionals to come along and meet the providers and organisations that work with young people in Amber Valley.

**TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2023 10-2PM**

Heanor Community Centre  
12A Market Street  
Heanor  
Derbyshire  
DE75 7NR

If you work directly with young people within Amber Valley and would like a free stall at the event please contact:  
Mikey.Heald@Derbyshire.gov.uk or  
Rebecca.Patrick@Derbyshire.gov.uk



## 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 'Cheese' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign:  
[Cheese \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org)

**Derbyshire's Holidays and Activity and Food Programme** Please use [this link](#) for information on Derbyshire's Holidays and Activity and Food Programme which will be delivered in your area over the upcoming school holidays between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education for children aged between 4-16, eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

## Singing workshop and concert for children aged 5 - 14

Drop your children off for a fun singing workshop day followed by an afternoon concert at Nottingham's Albert Hall. 'Celebrate around the World!' as we learn songs from different cultures and musical styles, including popular songs from *Encanto*, *Matilda* and *Trolls World Tour*!



### Dates and venues

22 April – South Nottinghamshire Academy, Radcliffe on Trent

23 April – Albert Hall, Nottingham

### Sign up links

Find out further information here: <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-apr-2023/>

Sign up online here: <https://www.music-for-everyone.org/vocals-booking/>

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

### **School Holidays:**

We break up for half term on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023** School will finish at **12pm** until **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

Please note there is an update to the inset days for 2023. **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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