

Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Appeal for role play resources

Our young semiformal pupils require to undertake role play to develop a range of skills including turn taking, cooperation and communication. Due to our staff ratios and our curriculum approach, there are certain things that we *would not* role play, for instance shopping, cooking and doing laundry- we will just do these!

We have a number of themes that we do want the children to role play. These will be set up in classrooms for the period of 1 or 2 weeks depending on how the children respond. Where possible we would like to use real life items for the children to role play with. For instance, if we are playing 'post offices' we will use real post sacks and envelopes, if we are playing 'opticians' we will use real glasses. Clearly some items we must use play versions for, as actual items would not be safe for the children, for instance if we are playing 'construction' we wouldn't use a real cement mixer and cement.

We require donations of items to support our role play themes. Including dress up costumes. If you or anyone you know can donate to school, please send this in with your child. Below is the list of themes and some examples of what they might look like in classrooms to give you an idea of what we are aiming for.



Themes:

Winter wonderland	Pirate ships/explorers	Dentist
At the beach	Dinosaurs	Vets
Castles- knights and kings and queens	The wild west- cowboys	Beauty Salon
At the pyramids	News station/whether report studio	Opticians
Space/on the moon	X-Factor	Construction site
Baby clinic	Post office	Science lab/potions lab
Recycling centre	Doctors/hospital	At the airport/on the plane
Hotel	Police station	Court room
Mechanics	Fire station	Camping

Under the sea	At the farm	In the jungle
Fairy forest	On safari/at the zoo	At the circus

Curriculum videos

[Curriculum - Brackenfield SEND School](#) click on the 'semiformal pupils' or 'informal pupils' buttons to see videos of our staff and children demonstrating our two different curriculum approaches.

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



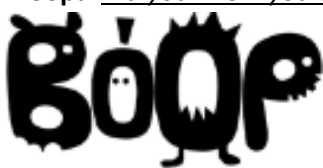
Your child should attend school every day. Sometimes your child may be too ill to come to school. Click [here](#) for a link to the NHS website which has useful information. The school times are from 8.55 – 9.10 drop off and 2.20 – 2.40 collection. If your child



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 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.

Boop! -Did you know you can view your child's targets on Boop?



If you look at your child's profile and click on targets they are visible by MER(this is what we call our terms) we are now in MER4, please look at your child's targets and speak to your child's class team if you have any queries around these!

Hairdresser



The hairdresser will visit school on 19th April, if you would like your child's haircut and have not already told us please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.Derbyshire.sch.uk. The cost of haircuts is £10.



Online Safety

Please click here for social media user guides for parents and children: [Social Media Checklists | SWGfL](#)

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

PE Kits



A reminder please that pupils must have PE kits in school. This is so that class teams can support with developing independence when getting dressed and undressed. Please ensure all items are named and stored in a named bag, which will be kept in school. If you have any further queries, please contact your class teams.



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

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

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 21st 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 7th and 17th March.

Mikey.heald@derbyshire.gov.uk

SAVE THE DATE

AMBER VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK EVENT

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.

WHAT?

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

Derbyshire County Council - Adult Learning Courses

Please use this [LINK](#) for information from Derbyshire County Council on Adult Learning Courses available between April and July 2023.

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 3rd April- Friday 14th 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 31st March 2023** School will finish at **12pm** until **Friday 14th April 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 17th April 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