



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

A reminder that next Friday is half day closing. School will finish at 12pm.

Please continue to send in any dress up or real-life items we can use in role play with the children. Thank you for the donations so far!

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!

Online Safety Advice

TikTok Guardian's Guide

There have been quite a few updates to TikTok over recent months so it may be worth considering sending out this updated guide to parents which includes family paring, digital wellbeing, privacy and more. You can find the updated guide [HERE](#).

For Parents - What is Misogyny?

We all know that misogyny, particularly amongst teenage boys, is getting worse. The continual media reporting of people like Andrew Tate combined with the algorithms used within the likes of social media means that misogynistic content is everywhere. There is only so much that can be done in school, parents need to be having conversations at home, but these conversations can be difficult, particularly if you don't know where to start.

Internet Matters have put some great resources together to help with this, including a video, where children might see this type of content online, terms to know and tips to tackle misogyny. You can find all the resources [HERE](#). There is also really good information and advice in relation to tackling online hate and trolling which you can find [HERE](#).

For Parents - Video Games and Reading

As much as people talk about the negatives of gaming, games playing can be hugely beneficial in many ways such as teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and so much more, including reading. This is particularly true for those children who are reluctant to read or who are struggling. Andy Robertson from Ask About Games has put together a great little selection of games which you can find [HERE](#).



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.



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.

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