



**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

Year 11 pupils must have their post 16 provision names by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Helen Diggle, Employment Coordinator, has worked with all families to discuss options and what happens next. Year 11 pupils will leave us on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, as our 2022-2023 academic year finishes. Class teams will be in touch about the leavers ceremony and events leading up to this milestone.

**Headlice**

Dear Parent/Carers, we have been advised that we have Headlice in school. Please use this link for advice and guidance from the NHS - [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

**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 01115 9733710 opt 2 between 8am and 9am every day to let us know why.

**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.

**Online Safety Advice- Online Gaming**

For some parents, online gaming can be a mystery when it comes to their children. Equally there are lots of myths, studies where statistics have been cherry-picked, questionable information about screen time and gaming disorder and much more.

The White Hatter has put together a really useful article (including a few videos) on these topics and more. It's a big article but I'm sure many parents will find this to be of interest, complete with advice and guidance.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

**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-

**Attention Autism 07/3/23 13:00-14:30**

**\*\*\*NEWLY ADDED\*\*\* 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**

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](mailto:clawrence@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) You are welcome to join as few or many as you like.

### Research Survey – The Impact of COVID-19 on the Wellbeing and Behaviour on autistic and non-autistic children

Mason Rogers is a final year university student at the University of Derby who is currently conducting a research project, which focuses on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on both autistic and non-autistic children aged 5-16 years from a parent or caregiver’s perspective.

Mason is seeking parents and caregivers who are willing to share their experiences and insights. The study consists of a brief online anonymous survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to take part in the survey or find out more information please use this link: [https://derby.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aWfmkZU6EEa6eeG](https://derby.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aWfmkZU6EEa6eeG)

### 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.**

### 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 ‘Snow’ Please click this link to watch a video of the sign: [Snow \(makaton.org\)](http://Snow(makaton.org))

## 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