



**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher**

As you may have heard there are more teacher strikes planned for the coming weeks. At this stage we intend to keep all classes open as usual. There may be some change to planned activities such as swimming, where greater staff ratios are required. We will endeavour to give you as much warning as possible if this is the case.

**Information: the government's new emergency alerts system**

The government's new emergency alerts system is live and will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. The system will be tested nationally on **Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm.**

An emergency alert is a loud, siren-like sound with a message on your mobile phone or tablet screen.

To check an alert is genuine, visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

All education settings should take the opportunity to make themselves aware of [emergency alerts](#), reasons why anyone may get an alert and how they work.

**Reasons you will not get an alert**

You will not receive alerts if your device is:

- turned off or in airplane mode
- connected to a 2G or 3G network
- wifi only
- not compatible

**Opting out of emergency alerts**

You can opt out of emergency alerts, but you should keep them switched on for your own safety. To opt out:

1. Search your settings for 'emergency alerts'.
2. Turn off 'severe alerts' and 'extreme alerts'.

If you still get alerts, contact your device manufacturer for help.

**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.

**Family Support Team**

**Free Mental Health & Creative Wellbeing Sessions for Global Majority Women**

Are you aged 18 or older? Want to learn creative skills to improve your well-being? Identify as a woman who is part of the global majority? Connect with others and boost your confidence!

- Yoga - Monday 24 April, 12pm - 2pm with Lauren Nicole Whitter

- Dance - Wednesday 17 May, 11am - 1pm with Maria Slack

Normanton Library, Almond St, Derby DE23 6LX

For more information or to book, email [info@anansitheatre.com](mailto:info@anansitheatre.com) or visit [www.anansitheatre.com](http://www.anansitheatre.com)

### Green Connections - Free Eco-Therapy Sessions in Derby

Derbyshire Mind's Green Connections Service aims to support mental health and wellbeing by connecting with nature.

All sessions are free, and open to adults (18+) who are experiencing common mental health symptoms

Upcoming dates:

- Whistlewood Common (near Melbourne): 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July
- Hannah Fields Community Garden (Littleover): 25 April, 9 May, 23 May, 6 June, 20 June.

For more info visit: [www.derbyshiremind.org.uk/greenconnections](http://www.derbyshiremind.org.uk/greenconnections) or contact [community@derbyshiremind.org.uk](mailto:community@derbyshiremind.org.uk) to book.

### Build Maths Skills with Multiply

Do you know someone who wants to improve their maths skills?

Derventio's Multiply project offers participants the opportunity to get involved in planning and running a pop up shop in Derby city centre. Everyone who takes part will:

- Create handmade items to sell
- Use everyday maths skills
- Build their skills and confidence
- Learn from bitesize numeracy sessions.

Sessions are two days a week for eight weeks. They are open to anyone aged 16+ with less than a C in GCSE Maths.

For more information or to sign up, call Suzanne at Derventio on 07927 555 576 or email [info@derventiohousing.com](mailto:info@derventiohousing.com)

### 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)



### 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](mailto: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](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 'Football' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign:

[Football \(makaton.org\)](http://Football(makaton.org))

### SENSational museum event

This event is aimed at those with neurodiverse needs and will provide people with a quieter environment in which to enjoy the museum. We have our sensory cool out room up and running and can provide 3 sensory backpacks to visitors. We also have a sensory map and a museum story that can be sent out to any family who are interested in coming along. In the event, there will be a chance to handle some objects, do some trails, and there will be a craft offering. [Please click here for more information](#)

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

### School Holidays:

We break up for half term on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023** until **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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