



Whole School Information

New classes and telling pupils

If you attended your parents evening appointment this week, you will have been informed of your child's new class, staff team and peers. We will give pupils leaflets to bring home on Friday 26th May for you to go through with them.

Pupils will have transitions visits to new classes on Thursday 8th June from 1pm-2.20pm and all day on Friday 9th June all day. New classes will officially begin on Monday 12th June. When we move to new classes, we will also have transition visits for new starting pupils, who will join us in September.

If you have any questions about this, please email your class team or parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Annual Health Check

Did you know that if you have a Learning Disability and are 14 years or older, you are eligible for a Annual Health Check. Please use the following link for more information: [Learning Disability Annual Health Check - Derbyshire Healthcare - Brackenfield SEND School](#)

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.

Holidays in Term time:

Following several requests from parents to take their child out of school to go away on holiday we wish to clarify that the law requires parents to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and normally we would not expect you to take your child out of school for a holiday. There is no automatic right to a holiday in term time and it is expected that you use the 175 of non-school days in each year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time.

When can my child miss school?

It is only acceptable for your child to miss school if:

they are too ill to attend

you have got advance permission from the school

If you are thinking about taking a holiday in term-time, then you must put this request in writing to the Headteacher (Mrs Turner). All holidays will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your holiday is unauthorised and you choose to not send your child to school, you may be fined.

Please use the link provided to inform us of a holiday request. This link is not to be used to report general absence from school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ECEey9uNSZ>

What will the fine be?

Your local council can issue a fine to each parent. This is £60 which rises to £120 if you do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school. A prosecution could result in a fine of up to £2500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court will also give you a Parenting Order.

We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

School attendance – the law

Please use [this link](#) to view information from Derbyshire County Council, this has also been added to the schools website.

Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)

[Please click here](#) for information on symptoms, how to avoid, how to treat from GOV.UK

Important recall of Emerade 300 and 500 microgram adrenaline auto-injector pens (AAIs): If you or your child carries the Emerade brand of AAI, you should immediately contact your GP to get 2 replacement pens of a different brand - either EpiPen or Jext.

You should only return your Emerade pens to your local pharmacy once you have received your replacement AAIs.

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 students,

We will attend school during the summer term to vaccinate Year 8 students with the Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV vaccine).

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/HPV> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete this even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

School name: Brackenfield Special School

School code: DD113031

Date in school: 26 May 2023



For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

If you wish to discuss or would like any support to complete the form, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team.

Repton: 01283 707178 **Clay Cross:** 01246 252953 or DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Parent and Carer Support Group

Pop along to our next support group for parents will be held on **Wednesday 5th July** from **9:30-11:00**.

At this meeting we will be looking at support in the school holidays, how to get in touch with school during the holidays, activities, and sessions we know about, as well as parents sharing activities and places, they have been that are accessible and enjoyable.



Communication Strategies



Please complete this short form [here](#) about communication strategies, this will help inform us how to support the use of communication at home.

Relationships and Health education

Please complete this questionnaire about Relationship, Health and sex education views and support needs. This is to help to develop the policy and resources to support you and your child. We would value your views and feedback. <https://forms.office.com/e/rPNvQvfzu0>

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

Research Opportunity:

Gemma Driver from the university of Surrey wants to know more about the support for parents / carers of children with a learning disability, and their families. If you would like to take part in the Research, please use [this LINK](#) for more information.

Breakaway Taster Sessions:

An Expressive Arts club for young people with learning disabilities and autism aged 14-25 – [Please click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

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

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2022-2023** school holidays.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2023-2024** school holidays.