



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

A polite reminder for parents that bring their children to school not to take children out of cars until you have reached the front of the queue and a member of staff is available to escort them into school. Alternatively, parents can park offsite and walk their children into school if this is easier.

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[Please click here to read the Newsletter for May 2023](#)



Suncream, hats and water:

Please make sure you apply long acting suncream to your child before they come to school in the morning if the weather is forecast to be hot. Please also provided them with a named sun hat and water bottle. We have spares of hats available in school for emergencies.

New classes and telling pupils

We will give pupils leaflets to bring home on Monday 5th June 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 or if you would prefer an electronic version sent home to go through with your child over term, please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Medical Tracker:

Re: First Aid Incident and Medication Administration Notifications

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about first aid incidents and medication administration at school. Sending paper notifications home is not always reliable. We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost, time and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved with this.

To help make improvements in these areas we have decided to use a service called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker not only allows us to inform parents/ carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email, but it also allows us to analyse the data we record.

Medical Tracker will be beneficial to you because:

- We can record and track first aid incidents that involve your child
- We can record and track medication administration that involves your child
- You can be notified immediately after a first aid incident by email
- You can be notified immediately after medication has been administered by email
- You can be notified immediately when intimate care has happened for your child

Please be assured that Medical Tracker is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Important – When we start using Medical Tracker, email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

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.

Derby City Home to School Travel Service Bulletin – Updated from information sent out 12th May 2023

Please use to the following links to view the Derby City Home to School Travel Service Bulletins:

[Pre 16 Bulletin April 2023](#)

[Post 16 Bulletin April 2023](#)

Holidays in Term time:

As a parent, it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school every day. 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. Fines start at £60 per parent and if not paid can 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.

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>

We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)

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

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.



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

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.

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