

**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

We have had a successful transition to new classes. Some new starter pupils in school will join us on Monday and the rest in September.

Please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you are not receiving updates from your child's new class team on BOOP and we will look into the issue.



**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 provide them with a named sun hat and water bottle. We have spares of hats available in school for emergencies.

**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.

**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.

**Sunken Trampolines**

We have had some sunken trampolines installed at school. Letters are coming home that are specific to your child. If you do not want your child using the sunken trampolines please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). If your child has Down's Syndrome a medical professional will need to complete a screening test – we are also sending this home.

**Annual school BBQ**

We have set a date for our Annual school BBQ! Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 3:15pm-5:00pm please complete this form [here](#) to request tickets. If you haven't attended before the BBQ is a wonderful

event which we hold each year, there will be stalls selling food, cakes and drinks along with tombola, raffle and lucky dip stalls.  
We would welcome donations for our raffle, tombola (regular and chocolate) and cake stalls please. If you have any donations you can send these in at any time and could cake donations be sent in on 11<sup>th</sup> July please.

### Parent and Carer Support Group

Pop along to our next support group for parents will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Free School Meals:



The Free School Meal application process have now gone paperless, to check if you are eligible please use the following link or scan the QR Code:

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income. if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible: [Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council](#)



### 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 'Fast' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign: [Fast \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org)

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

### School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 12pm** until **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 are inset days. School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

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

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