



**Whole School Information**



**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.

**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.

**Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Transition Survey**

Please click on the link below to go to our latest survey all about transitions – covering education, health and social care - [Transition Survey May 2023 \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#) It should take 5 minutes to complete. Most questions are multiple choice, tick box. Please note our survey closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. Many thanks for taking the time to share your views.

**Online Safety update: W Anonymous App**

"Who thinks teachers are hot?"

This is an anonymous poll app. One of the polls given on the website home page is "Who thinks teachers are hot?"

An online safety expert set up an account and input a false name and gave his age as 51, at which point the app used the GPS on his phone to show him all the primary and secondary schools in his local area, as well as how many students in those schools were signed up, and the app then allowed him to connect to 'my school', as a 51 year old!! Notably, the primary schools seemed to have more users than the secondary schools.

He was then invited to allow access to contacts in his phone, at which point he could then start taking part in polls.

- The Terms state that you have to be 13 to use the app. There are no age verification or assurance processes.
- The app only works with notifications turned on, and there are **A LOT** of notifications.
- Polls can be shared on Instagram and Snapchat (the website also refers to TikTok but that isn't available in the app).
- Without taking part in any polls, you receive notifications stating that someone had picked you in a poll.
- When you have completed a poll you are invited to play again, but you have to either wait an hour or invite friends, which means giving access to your contacts and sending an alert to others. This creates curiosity (what am I missing out on?), it is persuasive design at its worst and is the means by which the company are gaining traction quickly.
- You can send anonymous voice memos and create anonymous polls.
- At 2350 on Saturday evening he got a notification stating "this is the most active time for Year 8 students".
- On their [FAQ](#) page Slay (the developers from Berlin) state:
  - We only let friends, contacts and classmates vote for each other. Never strangers.
  - We do not allow adults to join schools. Yet this online safety expert signed up as a 51 year old and chose a school.

We advise this app to be used with caution, if used at all. You can view the app web page [HERE](#).

### **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.



## School holidays



# FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays.

It's About Me believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access 16 individual It's About Me holiday sessions for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each will holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic FREE holiday clubs across Derbyshire so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday!

We appreciate that plans may change and there may be occasions where your child can't attend. If your child is no longer able to attend a session, please cancel their place as soon as possible by using the booking system. This allows another child the opportunity to attend the club.

## HOW TO BOOK

To book your activities and to find out more information go to:

[www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk)  
or speak to your school office.

The summer holiday clubs will take place from:  
**Tuesday 25th July- Friday 1st September**  
Bookings open Monday 3rd July.

Please Note: If your child fails to attend two or more booked sessions without a cancellation, all further bookings will be cancelled.



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@itsaboutmederbyshire  
@itsaboutme\_derbyshire



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