



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you will be aware, we were inspected by Ofsted. Garry Nixon HMI (His Majesty’s Inspector) and Janis Warren OI (Ofsted Inspector) inspected the school on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The inspection was what is called an ‘ungraded inspection’.

It has been a great couple of days the children have been wonderful. Many of them met and spoke to the inspectors in pupil voice meetings or during learning walks round school.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parental survey and for all your supportive comments of the school and staff. I am not provided with the details of parent feedback; however, the inspector gave me a verbal overview as part of the feedback. We will send home our parent survey as usual to give you an opportunity to share your views and any areas for improvement with us directly.

We are really proud of the outcome of the inspection. I am unable to share this until it has been through quality assurance with Ofsted, though I look forward to sharing the report with you all when it is published (which is likely to be in early October due to the summer holiday break).

Mrs Turner

Annual school BBQ

We have set a date for our Annual school BBQ! Wednesday 12th 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 11th July please.



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.



Fundraising:

We have now set up a school ‘GoFundMe’ [here](#) We are aiming to raise funds for a new school mini bus! We are grateful for all donations we receive and will be looking for fundraising opportunities!

Online Safety Advice:

For Parents - A Guide to Using AI with Kids

I’m pretty sure I have shared this resource before but in the last couple of primary schools I have visited I have been asking the children (Y5/6) how many of them are using AI, what they are using and what they are using it for. Unsurprisingly the majority of those who said yes are using ChatGPT (plus a very small number for image-based AI), this equates to roughly a third of each class, and the majority of those said they were using ChatGPT for homework and concerningly, they believed 100% what ChatGPT was telling them.

Until we receive guidance from DfE (early next year?) we're in a grey area when it comes to the use of AI, but the fact that more and more children are using it at home means that parents need to understand what it is and the shortfalls.

Internet Matters have put some guidance for parents together which includes the terminology, a guide to some of the more popular software tools and also an interactive guide. You can access these resources [HERE](#). SWGfL have also created a new AI hub for schools with useful information which you can access [HERE](#).



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 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.



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

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

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

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

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