



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Thankyou to all parents who are supporting us with school attendance. Following the message earlier this week on BOOP, pupils **can attend** school is they have Covid. If you child is feeling unwell, we can ensure they are comfortable in school and will of course ring you if they are too unwell to attend.

We are consulting to change our age range from 3-16 to 3-19. The link to the consultation is on the landing page of our website. <https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/> please access it here to leave your views. If we are successful in getting the change of age range through cabinet, we intend to proceed with our first Post 16 intake in September 2025.

Post 16 Consultation

Please see link for our post 16 consultation proposal.
<https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/our-school/consultation-for-change-of-age-range/>
 This will be shared with the wider community as well.



Fundraising: Colours Fashion Show Thursday 30th November 2023 7pm at Long Eaton Rugby Club

We have our first fundraising event planned, this is a great opportunity to have a fun evening out and also maybe start some Christmas shopping or treat yourself!

There will be a fashion show on the night showcasing clothes which are ex high street brands at affordable prices and accessories. There will also be a raffle and some refreshments. Tickets are £6 each or 2 for £10 To purchase tickets please complete this form [here](#)

We have now set up a school 'GoFundMe' [here](#)

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.



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.

Transitions

To support transition to and from school we have been making some visual resources for pupils to have in the taxi or with parents, to show a picture of school and a pointing board. In order to help with transition at the end of the day it may be helpful for some pupils to have a picture of home that can be shown by the class team or taxi, If your child responds well to visuals/pictures, please could you email a picture of your home to clawrence@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk and I will laminate these for the classes/ Taxi's to use

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.

Children's Service Team:

Hairdresser.

Jonny the hairdresser is coming into school on Thursday 21st September, if you would like your child's hair cut in school on this day please complete the form below ASAP, spaces are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EPinmcE5ek>

Information Marketplace Event.

We are excited to share that on 22nd September 12:30-3:30 we are holding an information marketplace event, there will be 15 services on the day from colleges, Post 16, short breaks, and after school groups, from sports to craft groups, as well as schools support with RSE come and chat to providers and find out what they do. This event will be held in the school email Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk if you need further information.



The poster for the Marketplace Event features a central title 'Marketplace Event' in green. To the left, there are logos for 'CHANGING CHILDREN'S WORLDS' (Brockenfield SEND School), 'Nottingham Autism Support Service Ltd', 'HORIZONS EDUCATION TRUST', and 'HOME START Erewash sense'. To the right, there are logos for 'SEN-FIT Support Service', 'SEND Information Advice & Support Service SENDIASS', 'Tegan's Butterflies in paradise', and 'Information, Advice & Support Services Network for SEND'. The event details are listed in a central column of green boxes with white arrows pointing right: 'Calling all Parents and Carers', '22nd September 2023 12.30 till 3.30pm', 'Brockenfield SEND School', 'Connect with SEND providers', 'Explore what is available for your family', and 'Refreshments available'. At the bottom right, it mentions 'Derbyshire County Council Adult Community Education Centre (DACES)'.

Caudwell Children

We are a local charity based at our children's centre in Keele, Staffordshire. Please find some information on the services we provide as a charity below:

Equipment

Please find the link below to our website where you can find further information on the equipment we can provide funding for (which includes powered wheelchairs, buggies and rain covers, car seats and harnesses, tricycles, multi-sensory equipment, certain sports equipment, SDR treatment and Conductive Education Therapy) and where you can fill out the online application form to apply:

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/services/equipment/>

We also have a smaller pack of sensory toys which depending on the needs of your child they may find beneficial, you can find further details on the contents of this pack and can apply for this here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCGETSENSORYPACK>

Families are eligible to apply for funding if they have a letter of diagnosis for their child's disability, the child is 18 or under, based in the UK and the household income is less than £45,000, excluding benefits. (Savings and assets will also be considered.)

Autism Sensory Pack

Our Occupational Therapy and Support Team have selected crucial sensory items that aid autistic children with hearing, vision and touch. The pack also contains items that support children's cognitive skills and learning such as colour and shape:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/576W8MH>

Family Workshops

Caudwell Children deliver a range of practical and accessible workshops. These workshops focus on some of the key difficulties families may experience when raising a child with a disability and/ or is autistic. These workshops can be accessed in person at our International Children's Centre in Keele or online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/576W8MH>

Short Breaks

We run short break sessions at our centre in Keele for children between the ages of 8-18 every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month. These run from 9-12 and after the first session, children can be left unattended. For further information or to be added to our mailing list, parents can email

short.breaks@caudwellchildren.com



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



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.

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

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 27th October** until **Friday 3rd November 2023**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 6th November 2023**.

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