

Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher: Look at our new showers!!

Over the summer break we have had work done to update all our toilets and also our changing room in to a functional shower room space to support personal care and also Independent living skills. The toilets were ready for the children to return in September. The shower room was completed today! They consist of four cubicles one of which is wheelchair accessible.



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](#)

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:

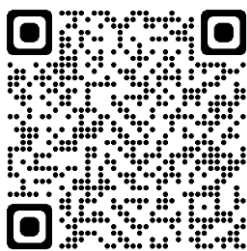
As a parent, it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school every day.

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.



Basketball:

During our market event we had lots of interest in Basketball. The inclusive basketball session with Dau Forte college, Derby runs every Monday night 6-7pm Scan the QR to see he website and book on.

New communication workshops for parents

Due to the success of our parent workshops last year, we are bringing them back and have also added some new ones! Use this link [here](#) to book

Date/ Time	Session
5th October 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Sensology
26 th October 10-12- School	Attention autism
17 th October 10-12- School	PECS (TOBIs, Pictures, symbols)
7 th November 10-12- School	Call and response and Narrative
21 st November 10-12- School	Speech sounds
30 th November 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Intensive interaction
7 th November 10-12- School	Makaton
14 December 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Pointing boards and communication books
19 th December 10-12- School	Social Communication
11 th January 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Electronic AAC Apps
16 th January 10-12- School	Blank level questions and information carrying words

Come and Join our PTA



We have been working hard behind the scenes to set up our **BRAND NEW** PTA (Parent-Teacher association)

A PTA is a group of volunteer parents/carers and teachers who work together to make their school a better environment for children to learn. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.

Anyone is welcome to join us, we will hold meeting in person and also online. We invite you to come join us for tea, cake and a chat about exciting plans moving forward on Monday 23rd October at 4pm at Brackenfield SEND school (You can also request a link to join online). Please email PTA@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.



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

Nation Trust:



Visit a National Trust place free of charge this autumn. Each free visit ticket is single use and available to for up to for two adults and up to three children, or one adult and up to four children at a participating place we care for. Valid from 18 September until 20 October 2023. One ticket per household per order. Please use the following link to book: [Buy Free autumn National Trust pass Tickets online - National Trust](http://nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk)

nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk

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.

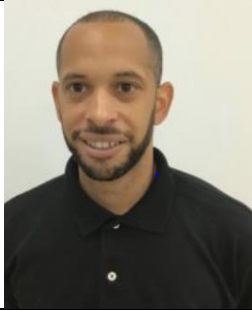
New Staff starting at Brackenfield



Kate Ault has joined Brackenfield SEND School as the new Attendance Manager



Miss Lawson has joined Brackenfield SEND School a new Teacher in Willow Class



Lynton Francis has joined Brackenfield SEND School a new Family Support Worker



Lauren Hubball has joined Brackenfield SEND School an Learning Support Assistant



Jane Hutchby has joined Brackenfield SEND School a new Family Support Worker



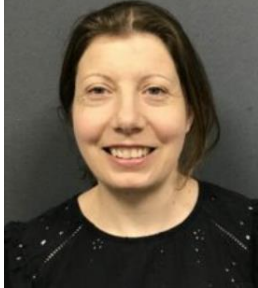
Chloe Winfield has joined Brackenfield SEND School an Learning Support Assistant



Jade Elliott has joined Brackenfield SEND School as the new Health and Personal Care Manager



Ben Maskell has joined Brackenfield SEND School an Learning Support Assistant



Miss Collins has joined Brackenfield SEND School a new Teacher in Ash Class



Claire Parker has joined Brackenfield SEND School an Learning Support Assistant