



**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

Welcome back to the news school year. I hope you have all had a good break over the summer. It is lovely to see the children return and the start of term has been positive.

I am excited share our final OFSTED report with you all. As you will be aware, this was an ungraded inspection. Due to the outcome, we will be reinspected in the next two years. Please click [HERE](#) this is due to be published on the Official Ofsted website by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Attendance: As you will see from our OFSTED report, pupil attendance is a real issue at the Brackenfield. We want to work with to ensure that pupils attend for 100% of their education. This is their *legal entitlement* and it is our *legal duty* to ensure they are provided with this.**

- Please do not request holidays in term time, these will not be authorised and may result in a fine
- If you child is tired, please send them in, we can make provision for them to rest or sleep in school if needed
- If you child is suffering from a mild illness (cold, cough etc) please do send you child to school, we will work with you to ensure they are comfortable and will of course contact you if they become too ill to be in school. If you are at all worried about your child's health, please call school and we can advise whether they are well enough to attend or not
- Please also book medical appointments outside school time where at all possible

**We understand there have been a few teething problems with taxi's. Issues with taxis are beyond your control so will not impact your child's attendance.**

**Thankyou for your support.**



**Fundraising: Colours Fashion Show Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



**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 [lawrence@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:lawrence@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](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.

### Children's Service Team:

#### Hairdresser.

Jonny the hairdresser is coming into school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you need further information.



#### 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



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.

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

### **Upcoming dates from the school calendar**

**School Holidays:**

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

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