

Whole School Information

Headteacher Update

As the weather turns more autumnal, please send your children in with wet weather gear so your child can still play outside [Water proof coat and trousers](#) (£10.99) are available at simply first.



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](#)

Flu vaccinations

We are offering the flu vaccination again in school this year, please follow the link to give your consent or to opt out: <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/ad8ff37c>

The vaccination will be a nasal spray and not done via injection, so you will only need to give consent on the nasal spray option.

If you have any questions or concerns about this for your child, please contact Jade – Health and Personal Care Manager on healthcare@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

We are currently waiting for a date to be sent to us which we will send out as soon as we have it.

For Parents - Fortnite Guidance

Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabined accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. Given the popularity of these games it's possible some parents aren't aware of this feature so it may be worth sharing. You can find further details and instructions from Internet Matters [HERE](#).

For Parents - WhatsApp Guide

Even though WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16+ I find it is the most popular messaging app from Y4/5 upwards. Over the last year or so WhatsApp have introduced new features so it may be worth sharing this updated guide with parents so that they can ensure the most appropriate settings are applied for their child. You can find the article/guide [HERE](#).

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.

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
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 December 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

Dear Parent/Carers,

On Wednesday 18th October 2023 between 9.30 and 11 am Parents and Carers are invited to attend a coffee morning. Mrs Preece will provide a short session on RSHE in school, there will be an



opportunity to see the useful resources used in school and ask any questions you might have. We will then have time for a drink and a discussion about parent well-being, this should give us an opportunity to talk about the school holidays and how we might manage our own well-being.

Look forward to seeing you.

The Family Support Team.

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

SENDISCO Halloween Craft Club:

Horsley Village Hall will be hosting a SENDisco Halloween Craft Club in Tuesday 31st Oct 2023, please use [this link](#) for more information.

Umbrella Newsletter

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Umbrella Newsletter for October 2023

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.

Please use the following link to view the updated menu: [Autumn & Winter Menu 2023 2024](#)