



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

We have a couple of updates for you regarding school processes for communication and money management.

Personal/ Intimate Care Notifications:

As we have moved to Medical Tracker for intimate and personal care logging, we will remove this section from the home school diaries on BOOP.

Money for school:

After half term, we will move to be a completely cashless school. This means pupils **MUST NOT** come to school with money in their bags or money for any trips. We will make requests via School Money, the platform used for school dinner payments.

This will include all money coming to school. Class teams will be in touch regarding money for college food and drinks and other occasions where pupils buy refreshments.

Pupils will not miss out on the opportunity to use money, as we will plan for this as a school and ensure there is cash available for the curriculum.

Parents Evening:

Parents evening will take place on Wednesday 8th November. Please complete the [Parents Evening Form](#) to make an appointment with your class team. This form must be completed by Monday 6th November and class teams will confirm your appointment time as soon as possible.

RHSE Filming:

Can you help us support your child with Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)? Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please get in touch if you feel you can participate, such as talking about concerns or how you have tackled issues. Contact earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk or leave a message at school reception for Sarah Preece.

Flu vaccinations 8th November 2023

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> before the 1st November 2023

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



Poppy Appeal:

We have been asked once again by the Royal British Legion to support their Poppy Appeal, next week w/c 23rd October and w/c 6th November we will have a range of items for pupils to buy ranging from 50p to £1.50.

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/ECEy9uNSZ> We appreciate your understanding and support with this.



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](#)

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
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



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

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