



**Whole School Information**

**Headteacher Update**

**School Attendance**

You will have all received a letter on BOOP regarding your child's attendance from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This letter has been sent to inform you of their attendance and to also give some guidelines around when it is ok to send children into school if they are not well. Please be aware that attendance figures early on in the year always look a lot worse than what they are as they are calculated over the period of 18 days. This means that with just 2 days off, your child's attendance will fall below 90%. We understand that children become poorly and they will sometimes need to stay at home, we want to assure you that we will support this and work with you in these situations.

You will soon be able to track your child's attendance on BOOP and over the week's you will see it rise and fall and there may be times when our attendance manager, Kate Ault gets in contact with you to ask what we can do to support you and/or your child. For example, for lots of our children after a period of absence, coming back into school can be a worrying time and we want to be able to support with this.

If you are ever unsure about whether or not you can send your child into school, please let us know and a member of staff will be able to advise.



**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](#)

**Online Safety Update**

The Online Safety Bill will soon be law. Read an update here for NSPCC about how this will support your children to be safe online: [The Online Safety Bill has been passed in "a momentous day for children" | NSPCC](#)

**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.

### 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 <sup>th</sup> October 10-12- School	Attention autism
17 <sup>th</sup> October 10-12- School	PECS (TOBIs, Pictures, symbols)
7 <sup>th</sup> November 10-12- School	Call and response and Narrative
21 <sup>st</sup> November 10-12- School	Speech sounds
30 <sup>th</sup> November 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Intensive interaction
7 <sup>th</sup> December 10-12- School	Makaton
14 December 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Pointing boards and communication books
19 <sup>th</sup> December 10-12- School	Social Communication
11 <sup>th</sup> January 10-12- School 5-6pm- Online	Electronic AAC Apps
16 <sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 4pm at Brackenfield SEND school (You can also request a link to join online). Please email [PTA@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Have a listen to our pupils who recorded a jingle when they visited Erewash Sound!

<https://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ErewashSound-Jingle.m4a>

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

### SENDISCO Halloween Craft Club:

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

## 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.