



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Medical Tracker is sending some incorrect notifications, regarding injuries and instead is sending the epileptic seizure template, which is causing significant concerns for parents. This is not happening every time and is a fault in the system.

We apologise for this and are working with Medical Tracker to resolve this.

We are checking the alerts before they are sent home, however if you get an alert about a seizure and your child DOES NOT have a history of seizures, please call us immediately for clarity. As soon as this is rectified, we will let you know.

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.

Parents Evening:

Thank you to everyone who has attended Parents Evening this week. If you have not managed to speak to your child's class teacher, please do get in touch. They would love to tell you about all the great things your child does in school.

Please can you also take a few minutes to complete the Parents Evening survey <https://forms.office.com/e/28g5KymJ2k>

Forest Schools:

Dear Parent/Carers - We are trying to make our mud kitchen in the Sensory Park area into a much more user friendly and inviting area for the students to access and enjoy. If you have any old pots, pans, colanders, stirring spoons etc that you might have hidden away in some forgotten recess and would like to donate to school they would be greatly appreciated.

We are also searching for resources for a project for our semi-formal classes. We would like the students to build a variety of wind chimes to bring the Forest School area alive. To add to the natural materials we will utilise, we really need lots of old pieces of:

- Metal - old cutlery, bottle tops, tin cans, old keys
- Bamboo
- Clay Plant pots
- Shells
- Beads
- Anything else you think might jangle or make a pleasant sound

Thank you in advance

Jon Hardy, Forest school coordinator.

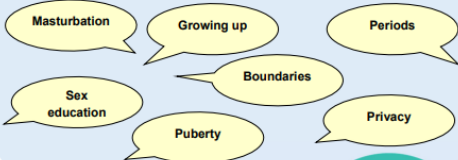
Supporting your child with Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are making a film to support parents and carers with this sensitive subject

Parents and carers of children with SEND can sometimes feel alone when dealing with these topics. The film will share some of the concerns they experience, what has worked for others, and highlight where support can be found.

We'd like to hear from parents and carers on topics such as:



We are looking for parents and carers to take part in a short interview on film, or audio, with our friendly team on Thursday 16th November.

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.



RHSE Filming:

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

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

Tea Time Club - Tea Time club weekly sessions for ages 10+

Starting: Thursday 16th November

At: Infinite Well-being Centre, Heanor

Time: 4-6

Cost: £10 per session

These sessions are aimed at girls with SEND aged 10-16. At the sessions we will do physical activity, have something yummy for tea, and do crafts/games. The club will support girls to be more active,

and build independence and social skills. You must book to secure your place, by calling 07734455806 or emailing info@sen-fit.co.uk

Please Note, this is a group provision of up to 15 girls. If your child requires 1:1 we maybe able to arrange this at an additional cost, please talk to us.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 22nd December 2023 at 12pm** until **Friday 5th January 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

[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](#)