



Whole School Information

Health Protection Bulletin

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read Public Health Derbyshire's Health Protection Bulletin and information from them about the upcoming World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.

Public Health Derbyshire have specifically asked us to bring to your attention the information about the rise in measles cases and the importance of the MMR vaccine not just for children but adults too (see page 2 on bulletin). Adults may also need to consider their own MMR status and check that they are protected.

Online Safety

Click to find a Snapchat checklist [HERE](#) and the TikTok checklist [HERE](#) to support you helping your children access these apps safely.

As Christmas approaches, here are some useful links regarding devices.

How to choose the right phone for your child - [HERE](#) and Children's tech guide 2023 - which has guides on a huge range of tech from laptops to gaming consoles, smart TV's and much more. The guides can be found [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.

Pupil Absence:

You may receive a phone call and a letter from the school Attendance Manager notifying you that your child's attendance has fallen below 96%, 95% or 90%. These letters are to keep you informed you and to provide a layer of support should any further absences need to be taken. We will always support medical appointments and days when your child is too ill to attend.

Fines will only be issued if there are many unauthorised absences, and this will be in line with the Derbyshire Local Authority guidance around attendance.

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.



Please help us sell our last 20 tickets to ensure our fashion show can go ahead.

It will be a great night where ex high street clothes will be shown on models then you will have the opportunity to purchase these at great prices. Often, they have items such as PJ's, scarves and accessories which are Ideal for Christmas gifts.

This event is open to anyone they do not need to have a connection with school so please share our poster

There will also be a raffle and some refreshments. Tickets are £6 each or 2 for £10 To purchase tickets please complete this [form](#)

You can email PTA@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries

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
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 'Strawberry' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign:

[Strawberry \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org)

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](#)