



Whole School Information

Message from Headteacher:

As the winter weather draws in please make sure you send your children with appropriate, warm outdoor clothing (hat, gloves and coat) please make sure these are all labelled with your child's name.

Informal approach

Mr Evitts has made a quick video with a presentation about what the Informal approach looks like at Brackenfield School. [Please click HERE to view](#), if you have any queries please email him at Cevitts@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Thank you from the PTA

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our first fundraising event last night, our fashion show at Long Eaton Rugby club. It was a massive success and we raised over £400! We appreciate everyone's support and hope to see you all at our next event! Also a huge thank you to Long Eaton Rugby club for providing the venue for our event.

Forest School Donations

Dear Parent/Carers, With Christmas fast approaching we would like to make the forest school area more festive by decorating the trees with baubles and tinsel. As a result we are reaching out to parents and carers to send in any spare (plastic) decorations you have at home.

Many thanks Mr Hardy

Staying well in Winter

As the weather is getting colder with the possibility of snow towards the end of the week. Please use the following links with helpful information from Derbyshire County Councils Health Protection Team to help keep you and your family well over the expected cold period.

[Keeping children safe in the cold weather](#)

[Keeping warm and well](#)

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.

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

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](#)

Upcoming Events

SENDISCO CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB



**thursday 28th december
10.30am -12.30pm**



**Horsley
village
hall
DE21 5BR**



**£3 a child all ages
welcome
siblings welcome**



**call / text andrea
07733060448
to book**

SENDisco



**Christmas
party**

December 15th

5pm-7pm

Disco, Indoor Snowballs

Activities and tuckshop

*Join us for a fun filled evening of dancing
, activities and snowball fights !*

4yrs-19yrs

£5 sen child £3 siblings

Blackwell Community Centre

DE55 5HH

Text/Call 07733060448

for more info

