

Whole School Information

Message from Headteacher:

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and new year. School restarts on Monday 8th January. Going out on a high with our usual snow-covered taxi time this morning (though we had to take the balloons inside due to the high winds!).



[Please use this link to access the Winter Edition of the Newsletter 2023/2024](#)

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.

The class inbox email addresses:

Acorns	Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Maple	Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Rowan	Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Sycamore	Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Pine	Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Oak	Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Ash	Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Beech	Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mulberry	Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Willow	Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Hickory	Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Conkers	Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Spruce	Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Elm	Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Cedar	Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Poplar	Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Laurel	Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Hazel	Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

We want you to feel supported and effectively communicated with, so if you feel anything has been missed please email headteacher@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk and a senior leader will follow up your query.

It is also important you can access posts on BOOP, for your child and your child's class. If you are having issues with accessing this, please email pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk. Our pupil admin team can talk you through how to access and help rectify any issues.

A very big 'Thank You'

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to our 'go fund me' we now have raised £1140!! This is amazing and will go towards the purchase of a school Mini Bus. There is still time to donate if you wish, the link is [here](#).

Communication workshops for parents

We have been running our parent workshop this MER which have been very successful we have some dates left for upcoming ones if you would like to book use this form [here](#), the dates are:

Date/ Time	Session
11 th January 10am-12pm- In School	Electronic AAC Apps
16 th January 10am-12pm- In School	Blank level questions and information carrying words
23 rd January 10am-12pm in school	Call and response and Narrative
31 st January 10am-12pm in school	Intensive interaction
7 th February 10am-12pm in school	Pointing boards and communication books
13 th February 10am-12pm in school	Sensology
27 th February 10am-12pm in School	PECs

**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.

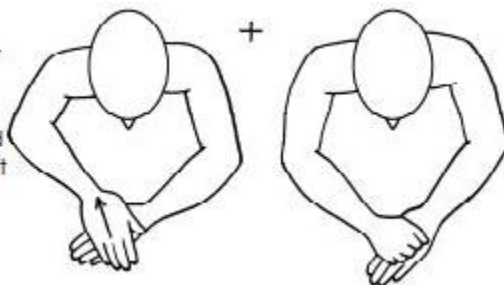
Student Arrival and Registration	8.55 – 9.05 – Taxi drop off 9.00 – 9.10 – Parent drop off
Morning Session	09.10 – 11.40
Lunch Session (30 minutes within this time)	11.40 – 13.10
Afternoon Session	13.10 – 14.20
Pupil Departure and Pastoral Time	14.20 – 14.35 – Taxi collection 14.30 – 14.40 – Parent collection

Attachments

Sign of the week:

Our sign of the week this week is 'Christmas'

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



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](#)



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

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MONEY SAVING TIP

Christmas Veg! - These deals are now on and run until 24th December or slightly later (Check your local store for further information)

Tesco – If you have a Clubcard you can now get broccoli, sprouts, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, swede and red cabbage for 15p

Asda – Carrots, sprouts, broccoli and parsnips for 19p

Aldi – Carrots, parsnips, red/white cabbage, sprouts, swede 19p, potatoes 15p

Morrisons will be giving away wonky carrots from 22nd – 24th December

Cheap **cinema tickets** during the **Christmas holidays**



Cineworld's Movies for Juniors screenings offer children's tickets for **£2.50**.



Odeon Kids has a deal where adults **pay the same price** as a child every day during the school holidays, as well as every Saturday and Sunday.



Vue Mini Mornings screenings from 10am during the school holidays. Tickets for adults and children cost **£2.49 each**.