



**Whole School Information**

**Message from Headteacher:**

Parking outside school - Please can I remind parent/carers dropping off and picking up their children from school to be courteous of our surrounding residence. We have had a number of complaints regarding cars parked across drives and blocking pavements.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Derbyshire County Council Consultation**

Please use the link below to read details on our Statutory Consultation for the Extension of the Age Range of Brackenfield SEND School from 3-16 years to 3-19 years through Supported Employment Study Programmes and Supported Internships. This would be available from September 2025.

[Please click here to view the Consultation Document](#)

The consultation on this proposal will be from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

The consultation document is available on the Derbyshire County Council website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say) or by request from Jenny Webster on Tel: 01629 535808 or by e-mail to [jenny.webster@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.webster@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Within four weeks of the publication of this notice, any person may object to or comment on the proposal by writing to the address or by sending an e-mail to the contact details below.

Jenny Webster, Head of Development, Derbyshire County Council, North Block, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG or [jenny.webster@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.webster@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**Staying well in Winter**

Given the forecast this week for colder weather, 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](#)

**Family Support**

The next parent/carer **coffee morning** will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 9.30am - 11am in the school hall. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to get together and have a chat in an informal environment and enjoy a hot drink! Lynton and Jane from the Family Support team will be discussing the topic of 'Sleep' and offering support and guidance. If you have any questions about this topic, please feel free to ask them at this time.

**Parent Workshop**

We will be hosting informal and semi-formal parent workshops for parents to ask about any issues or gain advice on how to support in this area. This could include helping children to name body parts, promoting independence with toileting or expressing needs, helping children to learn about the changes that will happen through puberty.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x6Bk8uF09Q>

**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.

### The class inbox email addresses:

Acorns	<a href="mailto:Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Willow	<a href="mailto:Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Maple	<a href="mailto:Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hickory	<a href="mailto:Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Rowan	<a href="mailto:Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Conkers	<a href="mailto:Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Sycamore	<a href="mailto:Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Spruce	<a href="mailto:Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Pine	<a href="mailto:Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Elm	<a href="mailto:Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Oak	<a href="mailto:Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Cedar	<a href="mailto:Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Ash	<a href="mailto:Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Poplar	<a href="mailto:Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Beech	<a href="mailto:Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Laurel	<a href="mailto:Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
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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](mailto: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](mailto:pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). Our pupil admin team can talk you through how to access and help rectify any issues.

### 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
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 10am-12pm in school	Call and response and Narrative
31 <sup>st</sup> January 10am-12pm in school	Intensive interaction
7 <sup>th</sup> February 10am-12pm in school	Pointing boards and communication books
13 <sup>th</sup> February 10am-12pm in school	Sensology
27 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## School Uniform



Please visit: [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 'Grandmother' - [Grandmother \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

[Upcoming Events – Tegan's Butterflies In Paradise \(tegansbutterflies.org\)](http://tegansbutterflies.org)

[News and Events – Umbrella](#)

## Upcoming dates from the school calendar

### School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024** until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 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](#)



**Umbrella Derby & Derbyshire**



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Amber Valley Parents Support/Drop-in session meets at Strutts Building, Derby Road Belper on the second Thursday of the month (Term Time only).

Their first meeting for 2024 took place this week, and we welcomed [Derbyshire Law Centre](#) with a training session on Disability Discrimination.

We had some great feedback from the session:  
“really interesting”  
“the session was very informative”  
“I have learned something new”.

Derbyshire Law Centre will be attending our Erewash group in Long Eaton on Thursday 29 February at 10am with the same training session.

Our next Amber Valley meeting in Belper is on 8 February with a guest speaker from [The SEND Dynamic CIC](#).

Free refreshments are available at the group.