



**Whole School Information**

**Message from Headteacher:**

A reminder that our holidays are not aligned with Nottinghamshire for February half term. Our last day of school will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and we will return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

As you know we are raising money for a new minibus. One of our very dedicated members of staff Corrin Foster is running the Brighton Marathon later this year to raise funds. She has even got a celebrity friend involved to give us a shout out on social media ([please click here to view the post](#)). Running a marathon is no mere feat! Please support Corrin if you can!

**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>
Mulberry	<a href="mailto:Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hazel	<a href="mailto:Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>

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
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)

### Family Support

Many thanks to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Coffee Morning on 26<sup>th</sup> January. We hope you enjoyed chatting to members of the Family Support team, other parents and our guests from the Public Health team who joined us to discuss the topic of 'Sleep'. The date for our next parent/carer coffee morning is yet to be confirmed, but we would really appreciate your input on what you would like to be the theme topic of discussion. Please follow the link (or copy and paste the web address to your browser) to give us your feedback and ideas for future coffee morning events. <https://forms.office.com/e/XH17Tm6hgh>



**SAVE THE DATE – Marketplace Event, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 1.30pm – 3pm in the School Hall. More information to follow at a later date.**

### 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 'Cow' - [Cow \(makaton.org\)](http://Cow(makaton.org))

### Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism - An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- Monday 12th February – Communication, identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.



Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom and cost £25 per workshop for each family. To book your place please Email [enquiries@theau1smtrainingnetwork.com](mailto:enquiries@theau1smtrainingnetwork.com) Or scan the QR code

### 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 click here](#) for a copy of the **2024-2025** school holidays

Please use the following link to view the updated menu: [Autumn & Winter Menu 2023 2024](#)