



Whole School Information

Message from Headteacher:



As you may know Teddy the school dog has been spending 2 days a week at Kirk Hallam Academy and Sixth Form doing work with lots of the children there. We are so proud of him and all the amazing work he does here at Brackenfield as well as now at Kirk Hallam. This does however leave a big hole two days a week on a Wednesday and Thursday when he is at his other job! We have really noticed the impact on the children requesting to see him and spend time with him. I am thrilled to tell you that Teddy is going to be training up an apprentice!

Puppy Harvey (also a cavapoo) will be joining us on Monday 15th April on a puppy risk assessment. He will be spending 5 days a week in school till the summer holidays undergoing socialisation and getting used to the routines, ably assisted by Teddy. He will see the children and will be ready to work with them later on in the year.

I hope you all have a good break over the Easter holidays and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Please click [HERE](#) to view our MER 3 Attendance Newsletter which has also been sent out on Boop.

Please click [HERE](#) to view a copy of the Schools Easter Newsletter

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.

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	Willow	Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Maple	Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Hickory	Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Rowan	Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Conkers	Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Sycamore	Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Spruce	Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Pine	Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Elm	Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Oak	Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Cedar	Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Ash	Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Poplar	Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Beech	Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Laurel	Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mulberry	Mulberry@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.

Parents Evening



Our final Parents Evening of the year (until the Summer BBQ!) will be on Wednesday 1st May.

There will be other availability for a telephone conversation or Teams call during the week if you are unable to make Wednesday. Please complete the response form [Click to book your Parents Evening appointment](#)

It will be a really lovely chance for you to speak to your class team about all the wonderful things your child has done and a lovely way to end our academic year with your current class teams.



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

Family Support

Save the date: Our summer family BBQ will be on Wednesday 17/7/24 15:15-17:00 more details to follow!



School Uniform



Please visit: 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



SEN Disco Holiday Events

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view information of events running in Derbyshire by SEN Disco.

Sign of the Week - This week's sign is 'Black' [Black \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Thursday 28th March 2024 at 12pm** until **Friday 12th April 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 15th April 2024**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2023-2024** school holidays. Please note this has been updated to reflect a **12pm** finish on **Friday 19th July 2024**

[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](#)