

Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware we have had a large increase in pupil numbers over the last few years. We are working with the LA to make the carpark more accessible to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers. We have consulted with taxi drivers and are now ready to move forward with a trial plan to shorten the afternoon taxi time. This new plan will commence from Monday 20th May 2024, [please click here for more information](#).

We would also like to wish Miss Lawrence good luck whilst she leaves us for maternity leave and welcome back to Ms Lacey who has returned from maternity leave.



Suncream, hats and water:

Please make sure you apply long acting suncream to your child before they come to school in the morning if the weather is forecast to be hot. Please also provided them with a named sun hat and water bottle. We have spares of hats available in school for emergencies.

Groupcall Messenger – Xpressions

Following on from a successful test of our new Messaging Solution last week we would like to introduce you to a new service that is now available in the form of an app.

The Xpressions app works with our new Messaging Solution and enables us to include more content on messages and in the future accept responses.

It is available for both Android and Apple phones.

The app will be our preferred contact option instead of SMS Text messages but if the app is not reachable or not in use a message will still be sent via SMS.

When we send out a message our new solution is able to pick the best route to contact you between app, text or email and will only send a message to one available option so you will not be bombarded with messages.

Please note that future text message will appear to come from “Brackenfld” (previously Brackenfiel) – SMS Texts have a technical limit of 11 characters so we cannot fit our full school name into the sender line.

[Please click here to get started with the app.](#)

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.

**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 school family BBQ will take place on **17/07/24 3:15pm-5:15pm** here at school. Tickets are free but should be requested in advance to enable us to prepare catering.

There will be various stalls such as a raffle, tombola, lucky dip and food will be available to purchase, this will be Cash only please. Use this link to request your tickets! <https://forms.office.com/e/dSHjSd60b8>

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning: Our next coffee morning will be held on 19th June 2024. We will be joined by Mrs Diggle, our employment co-ordinator, who will be on hand to discuss post 16 provisions, work experience and volunteering.

Derbyshire County Council – Companion pass now available for eligible disabled gold bus card users please follow the link for more details (application link at the end of the document)

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RHSE - We have been working on a project with parents and carers to create a video all about Relationships, Sex and Health Education across school, highlighting the challenges faced by parents and how they have been supported with these. This video was created to inform parents of how and what they can access support with, and who to go to for this. We have had an excellent response to this so far and are keen to gather further feedback from other parents.

Please take a moment to watch our short video via this link - RSE Film for Parents and Carers of Pupils with SEND <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilnnviHlrnI&t=462s>

Once you have watched the video, it would be really helpful if you could fill in [this feedback](#) form by 20th May.

If you have any questions regarding this, please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk and the RHSE team will get back to you.

Taegan's Butterflies – Please follow the link to access all the latest events being held at Taegan's Butterflies in Derby including messy play, parent support sessions and more [Upcoming Events – Tegan's Butterflies In Paradise \(tegansbutterflies.org\)](https://tegansbutterflies.org)

Umbrella Newsletter – Find out what's been going on at Umbrella and access their events schedule including accessible sensory swim sessions by following this link [Newsletter May 2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

Nottinghamshire parent/carer sessions (see flyer below)

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

Sign of the week:

This week's sign is 'Cheese' [Cheese \(makaton.org\)](https://makaton.org)

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 24th May 2024** until **Friday 31st May 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 3rd June 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](#)

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FOR THOSE WITH SEND NEEDS, AGED 5-11

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**EVERY
TUESDAY
4.30-5.15**

Infinite Wellbeing
Community Centre
Market St. Heanor
DE75 7NR
(down the drive,
in the back hall)



Please note - parents/carers are required to remain onsite.
Participation is optional but really fun!

BOOKING REQUIRED

SEARCH SEND FUSION ON:



OR EMAIL:

sendfusion@outlook.com



PARENT CARER DROP INS & WORKSHOPS

JUNE – JULY 2024

**Hello from Becki and Helene, the Peer Support Team at
Nottinghamshire's Autism and Learning Disability
Keyworking Service.**

**Our sessions are for families of children and young people with autism and/or
learning disabilities up to the age of 25 in Nottinghamshire**

**Please do come along to a drop in for some coffee, information or support. You do not need a
diagnosis to access these activities.**

**BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL VIRTUAL SESSIONS VIA EMAIL BELOW.
LOOK FOR THE LION ON THE TABLE!**

DATE/TIME	Area	VENUE	
Weds 5th June 10:00-11:30	MAPPERLEY	Back Room @ The Bread and Bitter Mapperley NG3 5JL	Coffee & Chat Look for the Lion on the table 
Thurs 6th June 10:00-11:30	RETFORD	APTCOO Family Hub, Rectory Road, DN22 7AY	Coffee & Chat Children Welcome 
Mon 10th June 10:00-11:30	BEESTON	Upstairs @ Bendigo Lounge 55 High Road, NG9 2JQ	Coffee & Chat Look for the Lion on the table 
Tues 11th June 19:00-20:00	VIRTUAL	Virtual session via Teams For link e-mail thekey@nottsc.gov.uk	Please let us know if there is anything you wish to discuss.
Mon 17th June 11:30-13:00	NETHERFIELD	Loco Centre, 2A Forester St, NG4 2NJ	Coffee and Chat Children Welcome 
Tues 18th June 10:00-11:30	MANSFIELD	TuVida Offices, 54a Nottingham Road NG18 1BN (Near Water Meadows)	Coffee & Chat 
Tues 25th June 10:00-11:30	KIMBERLEY	Rumbletums, Victoria Street, NG16 6BA	Coffee & Chat 
Weds 3rd July 10:00-11:30	WEST BRIDGFORD	Upstairs @ Portello Central Ave, NG2 5GQ	Coffee & Chat Look for the Lion on the table 
Tues 16th July 10:00-11:30	NEWARK	Café @ YMCA, Lord Hawke Way, Newark, NG24 4FH	Coffee & Chat Look for the Lion on the table 
Mon 22nd July 10:00-11:30	VIRTUAL	Virtual session via Teams Please email thekey@nottsc.gov.uk	Please let us know if there is anything you wish to discuss.

FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY

1pm - 5.30pm, Sunday 9th June 2024
Middle Street Resource Centre, Beeston NG9 2AR

Family
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the
garden

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workshop

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SEND Play

Session

19th May
9am - 10am

Chester's Den
the HUB,
SMH Group Stadium,
Chesterfield,
S41 8NZ



■ Arts&Crafts ■ Soft Play ■ Cafe ■
Siblings Welcome!

Contact Fairplay for more information

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NEW
CLASS
OPEN DAY!



Join us on

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY
between 5.00pm – 7.00pm

As we prepare for the launch of our **NEW** inclusive dance classes for Children & Teens with special educational needs we would like to welcome anyone who may be interested in joining to come along and ...

- ▶ Meet the teacher
- ▶ Find out about the class content
- ▶ Give feedback and make suggestions
- ▶ See the venue

To aide us in managing this event we ask that you **BOOK A TIME SLOT** for your visit by emailing us on:

clare@danceworksunlimited.co.uk

Once up and running the class **TIMETABLE** will be:

Primary – Wednesdays – 5.00–5.45pm

Teens – Wednesdays – 6.00–6.45pm

◆ Class fee £8.00pp ◆ Limited Places ◆ Monthly lesson ◆

Edmund Hall, 6A Edmund Road, Spondon. DE21 7HH



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