



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

[Please click here](#) to view this terms newsletter also sent out on BOOP.

Wishing you all a restful summer holiday.

Family Support

Save the Date - Brackenfield School – SEND Support Services & Post 16 Event will be held on 26th September 2024 in the school hall between 1.30pm - 3pm. Last year’s Market place event was really successful with lots of provisions attending. We hope to see you all there!

Further details to follow.

Attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) have introduced new guidance for schools and Local Authorities for managing school attendance. They have introduced a new national framework for penalty notices and amended the law. The changes will come into effect from the 19 August 2024 and all schools across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance. Please click [HERE](#) to view a letter from Derbyshire County Council for further information for parents and carers.

Below is an overview showing some of the changes -

School attendance update September 2024

Attendance categories

- 95 to 100% - as expected
- 91 to 94% - at risk of persistent absence
- 80 to 90% - persistent absence
- 51 to 79% - at risk of severe absence
- Less than or equal to 50% - severe absence

Support first approach

Missing school means children fall behind. This not only impacts on their future achievement, but also adds additional stress and worry as the pupil attempts to catch up. This can affect their mental health and that of their family.

Schools will always try to offer support to remove barriers to attendance before considering any form of legal intervention however they can only do this with the support of parents. If you do not engage with this support the school may feel that they have no choice than to request the Local Authority consider taking legal action against you for failure to secure your child’s regular attendance at school under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the below changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines for unauthorised absence after 19th August 2024.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to the parents of statutory school age children and can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child’s absence from school.

- First Offence**
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Offence (within 3 years)**
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates’ Court. Magistrates’ fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Can my child take a holiday in term time?

The simple answer is NO - pupils can only take leave of absence during term time if this is approved in advance by the school. Leave taken without permission may result in a penalty notice and or prosecution.



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.

Pupil Permissions

Please use the follow link to complete our Annual Pupil premissions consent form:

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

Sign of the week:

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

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 19th July 2024 at 12pm** until **Monday 9th September 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 9th September 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 here for Derbyshire Council Councils Spring & Summer Menu 2024.](#)

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

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