



Whole School Information

Message from the Headteacher:

Some sad news to begin the term. Jessica Lacey Deputy Head Teacher is leaving Brackenfield this week due to family circumstances. We are sad to see her go and are grateful for all the work she has done at the school over the last 8 years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Taxi time - pick up reminders

Please do not arrive on site before the times allocated below (you will have been notified if you are an early pick up)

Early pick up - if you have been given an early pick up time, please arrive between 1.50 and 1.55pm. You will be able to leave site at 2pm.

Wave 1 pick up - if you have been given a blue parent card please arrive on site between 2.05 and 2.15pm. You will be able to leave site at 2.25pm.

Wave 2 pick up - if you have been given a yellow parent card please arrive on site from 2.30pm.

Dear Parent/Carers,

Brackenfield SEND School has a vacancy for both a parent and co-opted governor.

The role of a school governor is non-executive, to contribute to the work of the governing body in raising standards of achievement for all pupils.

This involves:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The individual governor has a responsibility, working alongside other members of the governing body, to the staff and pupils of the school and the school's wider community. Governors must have an interest in our children's future, be willing to contribute and make a difference, respect the need for confidentiality and be able to work as part of a team. Governors must act with integrity, objectivity, and honesty and in the best interests of the school.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the role and Brackenfield SEND School, please contact Kim, on Clerk to Governors clerk@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Family Support:



POSTPONED: Save the Date - Brackenfield School – SEND Support Services & Post 16 Event will now be held on **Friday 15th November 2024** in the school hall between 1.30pm - 3pm and not 26th September as previously advertised. 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.



Parent/Carer Coffee Morning: 26th September 2024 9.30am - 11am in the School Hall – Come along and have a chat with other parents/carers and members of our Family Support Team. Refreshments will be provided.

NEW: The new September to December guide for the 6 Family Hubs and 4 Children's Centres in Derby. This includes courses, services and support for families with children aged 0-19 and up to 25 with SEND

[What's On Guide - September to December 2024 \(derby.gov.uk\)](#)

Attendance

Here at Brackenfield School we strive to improve the attendance of our students. Each minute of the school day provides opportunities for learning, including social development and skills to prepare pupils for adulthood. It is

important that our pupils have a routine and structure to their week and missing days of school can impact this. Thank you for all your help and support in making sure your child attends school. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the attendance policy guidance for parents/carers.

As you may be aware changes have been made to the government guidance around attendance and there is a new national threshold for penalty notices. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the poster for an overview of these changes and how they may affect you.



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.

Sign of the week:

This week’s sign is ‘Recycling’ - [Recycling \(makaton.org\)](http://Recycling(makaton.org))

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 25th October 2024** until **Monday 4th November 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 4th November 2024**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2024-2025** school holidays – Please note the change in inset days from 6th May 2025 to **28th April 2025**.

Partial School closures to support staff training:

23rd Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Hazel; Pine; Rowan; Willow; Mulberry; Laurel; Cherry; Beech classes

24th Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Conkers; Hickory; Elm; Maple; Sycamore classes

25th Oct 2024 – school will be closed to Poplar; Spruce; Ash; Oak; Acorns; Cedar classes

[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
Cherry	cherry@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

Erewash Support Group

Long Eaton Family Centre | Lime Terrace
Long Eaton, | Nottingham | NG10 4LF

Thursday
26th September

Join us
for a Coffee
and chat



10am - 12pm

Information from:
Derbyshire Carers



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