



Whole School Information



We want to inform you that Derbyshire County Council is currently undergoing a joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection focused on services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This is a key moment for parent carers to share their experiences and feedback on the support provided within our local area.

The inspection began on the 9th September, and onsite fieldwork will take place from 23rd to 27th September. This inspection covers all children and young people aged 0 to 25 who receive SEND services, including those with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan as well as those receiving SEN support. It is being conducted to assess how well education, health, and care services are working together to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.

We strongly encourage you to participate and share your thoughts on this Ofsted organised survey on how SEND services are impacting your family. It's the perfect opportunity to make your voice heard and contribute to improving services in our community. We are aware that you have recently completed our survey and we are really please to say that we received over 400 responses, which we are in the process of analysing to present to Ofsted on your behalf.

You can provide your feedback directly through the Ofsted survey by clicking the link below:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10327000>

Your input is invaluable in helping ensure that children and young people with SEND in Derbyshire receive the best possible support.

Thank you for your time and support.

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the following short form regarding Maths and Literacy at Brackenfield. This will enable us to ensure we are sharing key information with you regarding: targets, progress and format, and to enable us to address any concerns or questions.

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 \(derby.gov.uk\)](#)

[Umbrella Activities Calendar and event booking - Activities & Events Calendar – Umbrella](#)

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.

Sign of the week:

This week's sign is 'Rabbit' - [Rabbit \(makaton.org\)](http://Rabbit(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



PARENT AND CARER AUTISM WORKSHOP

This workshop is designed to help parents and carers of autistic children and adults learn more about autism, how it is experienced by autistic individuals, and how to provide positive support.

You will gain insights into the different ways that autism can manifest, and learn strategies for creating a supportive and inclusive environment.

For more information email us at autismservice@citizensadviceidmmercia.org.uk

EMBRACE AUTISM: LEARN MORE, SUPPORT MORE

COME TAKE PART!

Date: 27.09.24
Time: 11:00-13:00
Location: Long Eaton Health Centre
Midland St, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 1RY



Think food
Think support
Think change

The **Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance** supports people in Derby who are experiencing food insecurity, through food provision, signposting, support and advice.



Need support?

If you need assistance please call **01332 346266** - we can provide you with a range of support including an emergency food provision.

Want to donate?

We rely on food and monetary donations from businesses and individuals. For enquiries or to donate, please email us.

Interested in volunteering?

We're always looking for volunteers to help with all kinds of tasks. For more information, please visit our website or email us.

Website: www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk
Email: info@df4ta.com



The Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is proud to be part of The Derby Community Hub - a multi-sector partnership, led by Community Action Derby. DF4TA is a registered charity (no. 1198665).



@DerbyFood4TA



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Community living Room

Every Wednesday
10.30-2.30

West End
Community Centre
Mackworth Rd, near Britannia
Mill Campus



All Welcome

- Free Community Lunch (12-1.30)
- Hot drinks
- Toast and cakes
- Games and jigsaws
- Jubilee Benefits & Debt Clinic
(fortnightly from 22nd March)

A partnership between The Mission House, West End
Community Centre, St Anne's Church, Darley Neighbourhood
Board, St Alkmund's Church, Derby Homes

COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT

AUTISM DROP IN



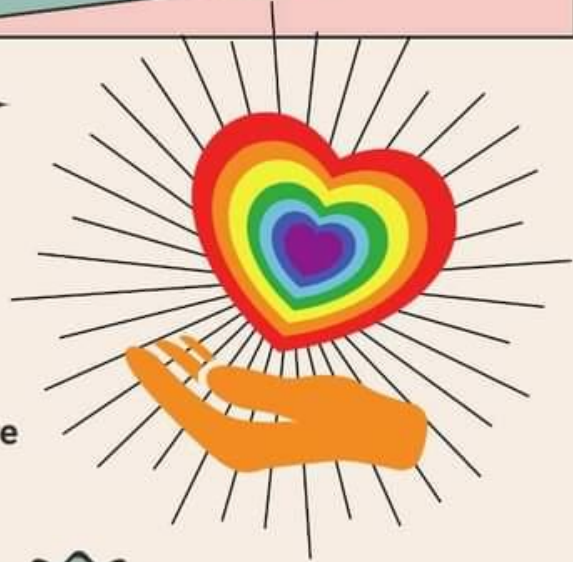
DATE
September 27th,



2024
TIME
10:00 - 16:00



LOCATION
Long Eaton Health Centre
Midland St, Long Eaton,
Nottingham NG10 1RY



#Autismsupport
#Information
#Social
#community

Ticket
FREE!

Family SEND

Support Group



A SAFE,
FRIENDLY SPACE
FOR
SUPPORT AND
ADVICE

RUN BY A SEND PARENT FOR LOCAL SEND FAMILIES



**FRIDAY 4TH
OCTOBER**
9.30 - 11.30
(Drop in or stay)

SIGNPOSTING
AVAILABLE

Cotmanhay
Children's Centre
Beauvale Drive
Ilkeston
Derbyshire
DE7 8RU



Children are welcome - they must be supervised by their parent/carers at all times

**PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST
VIA ANY OF THE BELOW**

SEARCH SEND FUSION ON:



OR EMAIL:

sendfusion@outlook.com

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