



Message from the Headteacher:

Would you like to support the school by becoming a school governor?
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

Whole School Information

Football Active SEND Inclusive Sessions:

Our inclusive football sessions offer a supportive and engaging environment for young people aged 7-14 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Led by experienced Teachers who work in Special Needs Schools in Nottingham. The coaches will combine their experience of working with young people with SEND with their knowledge of football coaching to create amazing inclusive sessions.

The sessions provide opportunities to develop football skills, build confidence, and make new friends. For more information or to book, visit our [website](#)

Online Safety:

Please remember to monitor your child's online activity, as this time of year brings online trends linked to horror themes and inappropriate content. You should check your filtering settings. If you need help with this, please email earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Family Support:

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



Goose Fair 2024 – Friday 27th September – Sunday 6th October, SEND sessions will take place on Sundays from 12-1pm with reduced lighting and music. For more information visit [Goose Fair - Visit Nottinghamshire \(visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk\)](http://Goose Fair - Visit Nottinghamshire (visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk))



Save the Date – Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 in the school hall from 9.30am - 11am. Mrs Preece and Miss Holdway will be joining us to discuss RHSE and members of family support will be there to ask any questions.

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.

We are fast approaching the season where there will be lots of coughs and colds. Please continue to send your children to school and make your class team aware they are under the weather. We have additional ventilation, hand sanitiser and cleaning of areas to support this and your class team will be able to offer your child some additional TLC should they need it.

Sign of the week:

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

Struggling with finances? Here's a free workshop from **DHA Direct Help & Advice**, you can learn:

- To save money on household bills
- What discount schemes are available
- How to save money on your utility bills
- What support is available and how to access it

When: Thursday 10 October 10am-12noon

Where: Rosehill Family Hub, 19 Lower Dale Road, DE23 6WY.

Book your place today - Spaces are limited!

T: 0115 9300 199 or 07458 104321 📞

E: training@dhadvice.org @

Complete the session for free entry into a Monthly Prize Draw!



STRUGGLING WITH FINANCES? TRY OUR FREE WORKSHOP!



10am - 12pm



Thursday 10th October 2024
Saving Money on Household Bills

Our **NEW** inclusive dance class for Children & Teens with special educational needs.

Booking now open for our Autumn Term

2nd October 16th October 30th October
13th November 27th November 11th December



Primary - Wednesday 5.45-6.30pm

Teen - Wednesday 6.45-7.30pm

◆ £8.00pp ◆ Pre book Only ◆ Fortnightly Class ◆

- ▶ Supportive, Safe environment
- ▶ Freedom to express
- ▶ Tailored class
- ▶ Fun & Friendships
- ▶ Music & Props
- ▶ Engaging dance activities
- ▶ Celebrate achievements

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



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clare@danceworksunlimited.co.uk



Football Active Inclusive Sessions

Join us for exciting and inclusive football sessions designed specifically for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**Saturdays at Bramcote College
Playing Fields**

www.footballactive.co