



Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/carers,

Please [click here](#) to view a letter with an update following the Ofsted inspection.

Our new buildings are now fully installed and have been hooked up to electricity, water and the internet today, Conkers and Spruce classes are moving back and will come to school on the main site on Monday. Transport and catering have been informed. The class teams will work to transition the children back over the next week. I want to extend a massive thankyou to the staff, leaders and service users at Outlook who have been so welcoming and accommodating to our staff and pupils. They have said that we have bought so much life and joy back to their building and will miss us.

As part of our clean air project at Brackenfield, we would like to hear your thoughts. Please [Click HERE](#) to read a letter for more information regarding the project and complete the short survey by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/3DM8X3SsL8>



Easyfundraising is a free fundraising opportunity! Join our fundraising mission by signing up on our free website. Collect donations for our students from thousands of companies at no extra cost.

Please click on the image to watch the video for additional guidance, and don't hesitate to contact Peter Csizmadia pcsizmadia@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any questions

Whole School Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

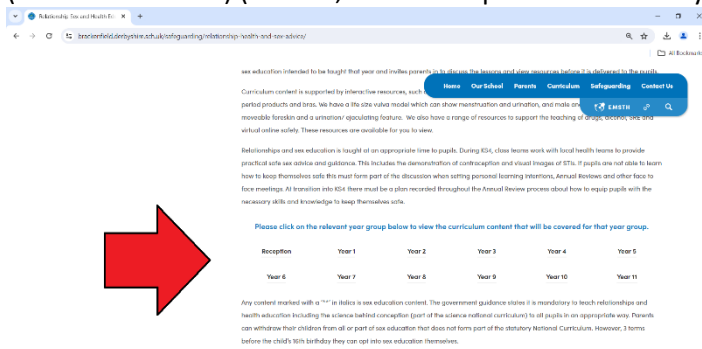
Please click on our [RSHE school website page](#) to view the Relationship, Health and Sex education letters and RSHE content. Please click on your child's year group to find the curriculum letter which shows the content your child will cover this year and further information on how this is taught. See the image below to show where to click.

Kind regards,

The RSHE leads

Sarah Preece and Rhiannon Holdway

(Good Health lead) (Friends, Relationships and Community lead)



Family Support:

Parent/carer Coffee Morning: Join us for our next coffee morning on Wednesday 27th November in the school hall from 9.30am - 11am. More information to follow on Boop soon.

Please see the bottom of this newsletter for information of local events in the coming weeks.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 4th December

Please use the [Parents Evening Appointment form](#) to request a slot to meet your class teacher. If you are unable to make a time via teams, phone call or face to face, there will be an opportunity for you to speak to your class teacher on another night during the week beginning 2nd December.

Sign of the Week:

This weeks sign is 'Patient/Calm (to be)' - https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Patient-Calm.aspx

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.

Reminder:

If your child is unable to attend school because they are too ill, please phone their absence **each day** that they are not in with the reason why they are off and when you are hoping they will return.

Please see the NHS guidance about sending your child to school when they are ill. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please remember we have a large healthcare team who can support with looking after your child if they are feeling unwell or on medication.

Holidays in term time. A reminder that holidays in term time will only be authorised with exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher. Any holidays that are not formally requested in writing will not be authorised. If you are faced with an unavoidable circumstance and need to request time off in term time, please complete the [Holiday Request Form](#).

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.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up on **Friday 20th December 2024 at 12pm** until **Monday 6th January 2025**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

[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**.

Please use to the following link for the Derbyshire County Council lunch Menu: [Primary food explorers - Derbyshire Catering Service](#)

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



Saturday 19th October 2024

see separate flyer

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

10-11am

Tuesday 26th November

10-11am

Saturday 30th November

2-3pm

Tuesday 17^h December

10-11am



We have private and exclusive use of the Bodrumorphix studio for some Sensory Fun and games. Places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment.

To book your place:

Em ail: tegans.butterflies@outlook.com

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**INCLUSIVE
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SESSIONS

AIMED AT PEOPLE WITH AN
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
AND / OR AUTISM

**DERBY
WARRIORS**
MONDAY EVENINGS
6-7PM



LANDAU FORTE COLLEGE,
FOX STREET, DERBY,
DE1 2LF.

JACOB@DOSPORTUK.CO.UK



WARM SPACE @

Draycott Methodist Church Hall

starting.....

14th November – Thursdays

Pop in anytime. We're open 10am to 2pm

We'll be having.....

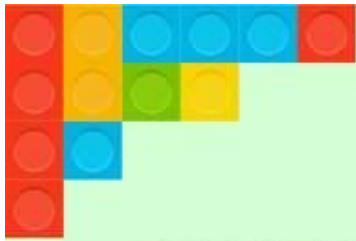


- Tea, Coffee, Biscuits all day
- Soup and a roll at lunchtime
- Card, Dominoes and Board games or bring your own activity
- Books and magazines
- A warm welcome, friendship and chat

(Please note: We will be closed on 26th December and 2nd January)



Everyone is welcome



AFTER SCHOOL **LEGO CLUB**

NEW AFTER SCHOOL SESSION FOR CHILDREN 5+

- Join in with a weekly Lego challenge
- Thursdays PM after Christmas

Come along to our taster sessions:

14th November & 12th December 4:30pm - 5:30pm



**10/11 ST MARY'S GATE,
DERBY, DE1 3JR**
info@jwbridgethegap.com
01332 600827

TEGAN'S BUTTERFLIES IN
PAARDISE

Christmas

PARTY

DECEMBER

SATURDAY

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AT 2PM

ST PHILIPS CHURCH HALL
EMAIL: TEGANS.BUTTERFLIES@OUTLOOK.COM

