



Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parent/carers, Brackenfield SEND School is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Whole School Information

Family Support:



SAVE THE DATE: Marketplace Event - Our SEND Support Services & Post 16 Event is being held on Friday 15th November 2024 from 1.30pm-3pm in our school hall (please scroll to the bottom of the bulletin to view the poster)



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.

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.



Dear Parent Carers, One of our current initiatives is to build a comprehensive network of support groups available to parent carers across Derbyshire. As you may know, our new website is under construction, and we plan to feature an interactive map highlighting the various support groups in the region.

To make this happen, we need your help! We've created a short survey and would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete it <https://forms.office.com/e/x4LCG7DbJ4>. By sharing details about any support groups you are aware of—whether it's a local coffee meet-up or something more structured—you'll be helping us connect parent carers in need of vital peer support.

Your input will go a long way in helping those who may feel isolated while caring for children and young people with SEND. Every bit of information, no matter how small, can make a big difference

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



East Midlands SEND Training Hub





Disability Opportunities in Sport Ltd


Brackenfield School

SEND Support Services & Post 16 Marketplace Event









Where: School Hall
When: Friday 15th November
At: 1.30pm - 3pm

- ✓ Broomfield College
- ✓ Horizons
- ✓ Derby College
- ✓ Sense, Loughborough
- ✓ School Nurse Team
- ✓ Compass



- ❖ All parents and carers welcome
- ❖ A community networking event to showcase provisions and organisations that work directly with young people in the East Midlands
- ❖ Come along and meet the providers to explore what is available to your family
- ❖ FREE Refreshments available

Derbyshire Allstars Badminton Club



**Special
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A new club aimed at people with intellectual disabilities

- Learn to play badminton
- Get Fit
- Have fun
- Make new friends



Weekly sessions held at the Derby Arena
Wednesday evenings 7:30pm – 9:30pm
The first session is free



- Weekly coaching sessions & gameplay
- Develop your game in a friendly & safe environment
- Play with friends and meet new people
- Have the opportunity to play (Singles, Doubles & Mixed)
- Badminton England Level 1 Coaches
- All Staff have enhanced DBS (formally CRB)
- All ages and abilities welcome



Contact Anthony for more information



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