

Whole School Information

Message from Headteacher:

Please click [HERE](#) to view a letter which clarifies the system we have implemented to maintain safety at Brackenfield SEND School and for the surrounding community.

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for taking part in the most recent parent/guardian survey. Following the parent survey regarding the Community Culture Code for Brackenfield SEND School it was clear that what is valued most by parents and carers is that their child is: **Kind, Respectful and Courageous**. Parents want their children to show up and try their hardest and to not give up. These results coincide with the findings from the student Community Culture Code survey that students completed they want themselves, and their friends, to be: **Kind, Respectful and Honest**. Students at Brackenfield want their friends to be kind to each other, trustworthy and to be able to work as a team. When finalised, we will launch the content in the next newsletter.

Again, thank you for taking part, we appreciate your responses.

Events/ Updates/ Requests

Please see the bottom of the bulletin for flyers detailing events over the coming weeks.

Attendance and Safeguarding

Did you know about the Pharmacy First Service?

Your local pharmacy offers a service called **Pharmacy First**, provided by the NHS. This convenient service allows both children and adults to access quick healthcare advice without the need to wait for a GP appointment. By walking into a participating pharmacy, you can request a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Additionally, some pharmacies offer remote consultations via video.

The **Pharmacy First** service supports the following conditions:

- **Earache** (ages 1-17 years)
- **Impetigo** (ages 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites** (ages 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (ages 5 years and over)
- **Shingles** (age 18 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (age 12 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infections (UTIs)** in women (ages 16 to 64 years)

The pharmacist will provide expert advice and, if clinically necessary, prescribe medication to treat the condition. This service can be especially helpful for parents and carers who are experiencing difficulties booking GP appointments for the conditions listed above.

Sign of the week:

Our sign of the week this week is 'Cold' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign: [Cold](#)

Across school we use the British Sign Language alphabet for names. It is useful to learn this to support pupils to fingerspell as this is used by the deaf community. [Fingerspelling Alphabet Charts - Access BSL](#). There is also a Deaf Blind manual alphabet which you can look at on this website which is similar but adapted for pupils who are both blind and deaf.

Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up **Friday 14th February 2025** until **Monday 24th February 2025**. School reopens to pupils **Monday 24th February 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](#)

Whole School Reminders

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 – 14.30 – Wave 1 14.30 – 14.40 – Wave 2

The class inbox email addresses:

Acorns	Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Willow	Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Cherry	cherry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Hickory	Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Maple	Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Conkers	Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Rowan	Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Spruce	Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Sycamore	Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Elm	Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Pine	Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Cedar	Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Oak	Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Poplar	Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Ash	Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Laurel	Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Beech	Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk	Hazel	Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Spruce	Spruce@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.



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



Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed the way they operate their shop. Parent/carers are now being directed to the website: 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.



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.

You are INVITED

to the launch of our brand new facility at Basford campus, Nottingham College.

The Gateway

is a brand new £4million, Grade A, purpose-built centre for specialist teaching and learning resources, for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (SLDD).

With state-of-the-art facilities, The Gateway will equip young people with the skills to enhance their future opportunities, their everyday life, and to reach their full potential.

Drop in week commencing 27th January 2025 between

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	10am-3pm
Wednesday	4pm - 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you to **The Gateway**



RSVP in reply to this email by **Friday 10th January 2025** with any dietary or access requirements.



Sawley Youth Club

AGE 11-18

**FORTNIGHTLY
SATURDAYS
10:00-13:00**

A fun youth club is a lively, welcoming space where young people can hang out, make friends, and enjoy activities

Please Contact Nicola Green
01332 521229
Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net





Hilton Youth Club

AGE 11-18

**FORTNIGHTLY
SATURDAYS
2PM TO 4.30PM**

A fun youth club is a lively, welcoming space where young people can hang out, make friends, and enjoy activities

Please Contact Nicola Green
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Tegan's Butterflies in Paradise



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We have booked sole use of Freddie's Play Kingdom in Spondon.

Open to all families of children / young adults with SEND.

We have heavily subsidised this activity, however due to people booking onto events and then failing to turn up without letting us know so we can give the places to other families we are charging a £3 admission fee per child this MUST be paid to secure your booking and is only refundable if we are able to re-sell your place or under exceptional circumstances and down to the discretion of the Trustees. Payment details will be given out at the time of booking.

LET'S PLAY
AT FREDDIE'S PLAY KINGDOM

Monday 17th February 2025
9.30am - 11.30am

£3 per child
to book email:
tegan.butterflies@outlook.com



Messy Play and Crafts

Saturday 25th January 2025
2-4pm
St Philips Church Hall, Taddington Road,
Chaddesden

*Valentines Theme*

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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