



“Where everyone has a voice”

Home School Agreement Document

OUR VISION

Brackenfield School is a child centered school where functional literacy is our core purpose.

We empower each member of our community to reach their potential - academically, socially and behaviourally, whatever their starting point and whatever their individual need. We will ensure that learning is bespoke, enhanced and personal. We will ensure all our staff are trained to understand and facilitate the needs of our students. We will strive to improve the learning environment to cater the needs of an increasing complex population.

We will keep our students safe and develop their understanding of safety in the wider world. We will allow our students, whatever their communication requirements, to have a voice.

OUR MISSION

To support our students to become functionally and emotionally literate young adults

To develop young adults who are independent and employable and able to make positive choices about the next stage of their lives

To develop pupil voice to support the needs of all students and ensure engagement in wider society and an understanding and British Values

To develop a system of behaviour support that allows our students to become self-managing, self-aware, self-confident individuals

OUR ETHOS



Opportunities for kindness are never missed



Your needs will be met with dignity, privacy and sensitivity



The best learning opportunities are promoted in a tension free environment



We learn from everyone to understand each other



Learning is bespoke and personal to you



Everyone has a voice

Working together with Parents and Carers

Attendance

To allow our students to take full advantage of their time at Brackenfield School, we request your support to promote good attendance and punctuality. There is a clear link between good attendance and achieving well at school. We want to enable our pupils to achieve their full potential, and in order to do this, we need parents and carers support. Brackenfield School is aiming to achieve local Derbyshire averages for attendance, which are currently for 96.5% Primary pupils and 94.9% for Secondary age pupils. This is a realistic expectation for the majority of our pupils. However, we do understand that some pupils will need to attend medical appointments and be more susceptible to illness. As well as challenge poor attendance, Brackenfield School will celebrate good attendance.

We request that Parents and Carers:

- Send their son or daughter into school, ready to learn and on time every day.
- If your son or daughter is unwell, please contact us on the first morning of absence to let us know the reason they are off.
- Please make medical/ professional appointments out of school time where possible.

Promoting Good Behaviour

Brackenfield School promotes positive behaviour through education and reinforcement. We ensure that all students understand the school rules by making them clear and consistent. Brackenfield School expects kind, considerate and respectful behaviour from all students and all staff at all times. Positive behaviour is rewarded through praise, head teachers awards and 'wage slips'. Challenging behaviour is supported to change in the most beneficial way to each student.

We request that Parents and Carers

- Help their child to understand and follow school rules.
- Support the school's policies in particular those pertaining to behaviour and equality.
- Behave in a way that sets the children a good example when communicating with school staff.
- Ensure that their child is dressed in school uniform each day and brings to school all equipment required for the day. Any unsuitable and unnecessary items are left at home.
- Support school to help students to change undesirable behaviours.

Homework

Students at Brackenfield School all have individual needs, so homework will be set accordingly. The homework set will be achievable and relevant to current lessons.

We strongly advocate all students read as often as possible.

We request that Parents and Carers:

- Provide a work space suitable for their son or daughter to complete their homework.
- Provide support to help their son or daughter to complete the work. If there are problems completing the work, please contact the staff member who set it to discuss.
- Support their child to read as often as possible.

Information Sharing

Brackenfield School is a transparent and open environment. We will share information with parents and carers about their son or daughter, whether positive or negative. We will never share information regarding other pupils. We welcome questions and discussion with parents and carers and want to encourage two way discussion to ensure all students remain healthy, safe and able to learn.

We request that Parents and Carers:

- Inform school a timely manner of any change in their circumstances we may need to know.
- Engage in two way discussion about their son or daughter.
- Ask questions of staff if they feel unsure about anything related to school.
- Do not share information about school and its staff or pupils on any form of social media.

I understand and agree to work with this Home / School Agreement.

Signed:

Date