



Bracken Lane
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Welcome from the Principal

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about our academy and the exciting things we offer our children.

We are extremely proud of our academy's provision, which helps children to grow as individuals whilst achieving high academic standards. We are thrilled that children and families from our catchment areas and further afield make Bracken Lane their academy of choice.

Our aim is to ensure that children are happy, feel secure and achieve the very best that they can. The academy offers a stimulating, challenging and exciting knowledge-rich curriculum, which offers all children a high standard of education and provides firm foundations for the future.

We have an inclusive culture and ensure that all children are empowered to achieve their full potential, enabling them to contribute to the wider community and our world's sustainable future.

We encourage the children to persevere, take care of one another and celebrate achievements. We are a family-focused academy and value positive relationships with all children, parents, carers, governors and the community.

Thank you for your interest in Bracken Lane Primary Academy. Please arrange a visit to come and find out more.



Helen Cawkill
Principal



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Our vision and values

Bracken Lane Primary provides a broad and balanced education within a secure and happy environment, where every child is supported to reach their full potential. We encourage all children to develop their own personalities and express themselves through classroom-based lessons, as well as through additional enrichment opportunities.

Our aims

Everything we do at the academy is centred around our key aims. We will:

- encourage all children to improve their lifestyles through healthy eating, healthy relationships and healthy activities
- help children to stay safe and feel protected
- provide stimulating, challenging and enjoyable learning experiences
- develop independence, co-operation and a value of their own and others' worth
- give children the opportunity to make a positive and valued contribution by expressing their opinions and views, both within and beyond the curriculum
- ensure that all children, regardless of their background, ability, disadvantage, ethnicity or sexuality, develop the skills required to achieve future economic wellbeing



We want all children who attend the academy to develop in a positive way during their time with us. Our staff team share a dedication to delivering high standards of education, so our pupils leave us at the end of their primary journey as happy, positive and well-rounded young people.

Our pupils are able to successfully develop and achieve through a focus on the following knowledge, skills and personal qualities:

- self-belief and high aspirations
- independence and resilience
- respect for themselves, others and the environment around them
- embracing and understanding our golden values
- becoming creative thinkers with an understanding of the world
- confidence and ability to question, reason and justify
- an enthusiasm for learning with a pride in their achievements
- strong key skills in English, maths and communication
- team players who can work confidently with others
- emotional resilience, health and wellbeing
- young people who are well prepared for life in modern Britain

Curriculum and support

All children at Bracken Lane are taught in line with the early years' framework (nursery and reception) and the English national curriculum (years 1 to 6). Pupils develop a solid base of core learning and are given opportunities to access a wide range of subjects to inspire and engage young minds.

Lessons at the academy are exciting and motivating, yet challenging and focused on building the key skills that will help pupils to be successful throughout the rest of their lives.

Our focus is on providing an inspiring and creative curriculum for each child, where pupils are encouraged to build on positive experiences, embrace challenge and be proud of their achievements – within a culture of very high expectations. As part of this learning culture, homework has an important part to play, and we expect and encourage parents and carers to fully support our homework policy.



A day at the academy

Our academy starts at 9am with four classroom-based lessons during the day. There is a morning break and a staggered lunchtime to ensure all pupils can eat in comfort and with friends from their year group. The day ends at 3.30pm when parents and carers can collect their children from the academy.

9am	Academy day begins The doors open at 8.50am, when the children come into the academy building. Registration takes place at 9am.
12-1pm	Lunchtime All children get an hour for lunch. Children can either bring a healthy packed lunch or choose from our academy meals – these are prepared on site and paid for in advance. Dinners are provided free of charge for children in reception, year 1 and year 2. A wide range of playground games are played during lunchtimes, and our staff oversee these activities to ensure all children are safe and happy.
3.30pm	End of the academy day Staff see out pupils at the end of the day, unless children are attending one of our wide range of after-school clubs.



Breakfast club

Breakfast club* runs from 7.30am until the beginning of the academy day. During this time children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, as well as enjoy a healthy and varied breakfast.

Breakfast club is staffed by members of the Bracken Lane team and provides a consistent and calm start to the academy day.

After-school club

After-school club* runs every day from 3.30-6pm. Children are offered a healthy snack, which is included in the cost.

**Charges apply – see our website for further details.*

Enrichment

Outside of the normal academy day, there are plenty of opportunities for pupils to get involved in a wide range of activities to nurture existing skills and develop new interests. Amongst these include a number of sporting, musical and craft activities, together with a number of clubs. These can include (but are not limited to):

- football | multi-skills sports
- | country dancing | choir
- | sewing | chess | Eco-Warriors

Admissions

Starting primary education is an exciting time for children and their families, and we appreciate what an important decision it is to make. To help, we try to provide as much information as possible, so you have everything you need to make the right choice.

We offer term-time tours of the academy, giving parents and carers the chance to see what Bracken Lane is all about. You can speak with our staff and pupils and find out what happens on a normal day at the academy. Call our office team on **01777 705017** to book your personal tour.

Nottinghamshire County Council administers our admissions process. If you are interested in applying for a place, visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions for more information.



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