

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Welcome Back!

As I looked back at our weekly newsletters I was struck by the fact that it was 13th March when I last wrote one and the opening paragraph was about the every changing COVID-19 situation that was arising. Six months later I am writing my next newsletter.

It has been a fantastic first two days back. It has been wonderful seeing all the smiling faces of both children and adults. Your trust and support has been invaluable and we thank you all for the way you have adapted and supported the new routines around school.

We will endeavour to do all we can to ensure this transition back into school is smooth.

Teachers are already working on rebuilding friendships and collaborative learning, remembering old routines, learning new routines and enjoying school life. Teachers will also be completing a thorough assessment of each individual child and supporting children with areas of learning they may have forgotten but also threading in the learning that has been missed or taught remotely. However, I want to assure you that all of this will be completed with the children's emotional wellbeing being of high focus.

Now all we ask of you is to keep reading the newsletters, follow social distancing whilst on site, using our new processes of communication (email and phone not face to face) and keep smiling!



Welcome!

I would like to welcome all of our new families to the Discovery family too. It must have been a daunting couple of days, bringing your child to a new school having not been able to visit, have a transition session and the face to face contact we would normally have. Thank you for picking Discovery Academy to start your child's learning journey and we look forward to working with you over the next 7 or 8 years.



Building use.

As many of you are aware some of the rooms upstairs at Discovery Academy were used by Tameside Music Service. During the lockdown they have found new premises.

During the Summer, we finalised plans with Tameside SEN service to move into the vacated rooms. As a result of this we are very fortunate to have an exciting collaboration between Discovery Academy, Tameside Behaviour for Learning and Inclusive Support service (BLIS) and Thomas Ashton School. This will be three separate services working alongside each other across mainstream education, behaviour intervention and specialist education. Approximately 12 new pupils of Thomas Ashton School will be educated here starting on Monday. These pupils will be taught separately to the Discovery pupils and by Thomas Ashton staff but will be part of our extended family and we are excited about the collaboration we will do in the future.

We welcome the all the staff from these services and the new pupils and their families to Discovery Academy.

PE Kit

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 will need a full PE kit on Tuesday. Please send into school in the school PE bag and we will keep it until October half term.

Uniform reminder.

Please note that full uniform is expected and the expectations for this were shared before the summer.

The Academy uniform for shoes is as follows: Black shoes (**not boots or trainer style shoes**) - sensible, flat and without flashing heels; Wellies can be worn when the children are in the school grounds.

The Academy requirements in connection with pupil's hair is as follows:

- Bobbles/clips/hairbands should be in the Academy colours – Blue/white checked, black, blue or white. These should not include bows.
- No embellishments or glitter.
- Hair styles should be appropriate and not extreme. Extreme hair styles include weaves, hair extensions, hair pieces, donut bun rings, patterns in hair, hair dye/chalks, severe difference in length across the hair style (Mohican/partly shaved), braiding's (unless for cultural reasons).

Please ensure your child follows our uniform policy.