



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 15th September 2023

Parents urged to apply now for September 2024 school places.

The application process for children who need a primary or secondary school place in Peterborough for September 2024 has started.

Any child transferring from primary school to secondary school next year must apply for a place by 31 October 2023.

Children due to start at primary school next September must complete their application by 15 January 2024.

Parents are encouraged to make applications online. Children starting at primary school will be notified on 16 April 2024. Those applying to secondary school will be offered a place on 1 March 2024.

For further information and to apply for places visit [School Admissions](#).

Attendance

The overall attendance this week is **95.42%**.

Well done to **Raleigh** who achieved **100%** and **Poseidon** with **99%**

Home time

I hope everyone is finding home time and collection generally a nicer experience now we are not queuing. One of the things that we all do need to be careful about is the narrowing points as we walk about the academy. These are down the passageway near preschool and then as you exit the academy along the pathway to Queen Katharine Academy. We are looking at ways to widen the exit gates which will help but, until then can we all be very careful particularly if you are on a mobility scooter. Thank you.



Eyesight and Hearing Screening



As we are a flagship academy for Success For All and an Apex Academy we are able to offer our children eyesight and hearing screening. We are one of the only primary schools in Peterborough to offer this additional service. Both of these early screening tests help identify a possible difficulty with either vision or hearing in young children. As you can imagine if these types of difficulties occur then children will struggle to learn.

We will be starting both of these tests shortly and will be in contact with you if the screening test tells us that you will need to visit an optician or your child will need further hearing tests. The earlier we catch these difficulties the sooner they can be sorted and the sooner your child can continue their learning journey.



Clubs

- Monday - Yr. 3 & 4 Netball and Football clubs – Lunchtime
Yr. 3 & 4 Drama and Performance club - Lunchtime
Yr. 1 & 2 Multi-sports - Afterschool with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
- Tuesday - Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Football club - Lunchtime
Yr. 5 & 6 Drama and Performance club - Lunchtime
Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Running club with Mrs Torrens until 4:00pm
Yr. 3 & 4 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
- Wednesday - Yr. 5 & 6 Boys Football club – Lunchtime
Yr. 4, 5 & 6 Ukulele Club - Lunchtime
Yr. 5 & 6 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
Yr.5 & 6 Netball Club with Miss Hovell and Mrs Savidge until 4:15pm **(NEW)**

Academy Uniform

Now the weather has become more Autumnal, academy PE clothing can only be worn when your child has PE. If you are not sure when these days are please message your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

PE

Can everyone please try hard not to let your child/children wear branded items for PE such as Nike hoodies. Wearing branded items puts pressure on other families to buy them to wear in PE. Please support our community by keeping PE uniform as plain as possible. Thank you.

Jewellery

Please can parents ensure for health and safety reasons that those children with their ear/s pierced only wear studs. No other jewellery is permitted. Watches can be worn providing they are not smart watches.

Ties

Just a gently reminder that your child/ children need a plain blue tie in year 3 and 4 and then a striped tie in years 5 and 6. These are available from Total Clothing.

Coats or Rain Jackets

Occasionally the weather does change during the day, and we end up with a rainy breaktime or a wet home time. Could we ask that all children bring with them a coat or waterproof jacket. We will try to keep the children inside the academy for as long as we can when it is a raining at home time but ultimately, we will have to go outside to be collected. A coat or rain jacket would help keep everyone dry until they are at home.

Name Tags

Teacher will have name tags for all children who started with us on the 5th September. On Thursday and Friday of next week and the week after, staff will be on hand to stick name labels into children's clothes. We will label any logo'd items including jumpers and sweatshirts, polo shirts, as well as shirts and ties. One will be kept for later on in the term to go on coats when they come into the academy. Please try to put your child in a second jumper/polo shirt the following Thursday and Friday to enable them to add a label to as many items as we can (up to 8 items)



'Jeans for Genes Day'

We are supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22nd September. Children are invited to come wearing their jeans (or leggings) with their Academy uniform in exchange for a silver coin donation.

Dates for Your Calendar

Friday 22nd September 2023 – Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 10th October 2023 - Parents evening

Thursday 12th October 2023 - Parents evening

Wednesday 11th October 2023- Children's Photo Day

Monday 23rd October 2023 – Half Term

Queen Katharine Students

Could we ask all parents / carers to remind your son or daughter picking up a sibling from the academy that it should only be them and not their friends collecting. Thank you.