

National Lockdown

The National Lockdown is still in place. This is to slow the spread of coronavirus in our communities:

1. You must not leave or be outside of your home or garden except where you have a 'reasonable excuse'. A reasonable excuse includes:
 - Work and volunteering
 - Essential activities such as shopping, collecting medicines and to access critical services
 - To attend education and childcare for those eligible
 - Medical reasons, to escape risk of harm and compassionate visits
 - For informal childcare for children 13 and under as part of a childcare bubble
 - To exercise (alone, with your household/support bubble or with 1 other person)
2. Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes
 - You must stay **2 meters apart** from anyone not in your household.
 - You **MUST NOT** meet socially indoors or outdoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble
 - You can exercise outside or visit public places with the people you live with, your support bubble or with 1 person from another household
 - You cannot meet in a private garden with people not in your household or support bubble
3. Close certain businesses and venues.
 - All non-essential business have closed

A stay at home order has been issued, other than for legally permitted reasons , you MUST NOT leave your home

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>



Our new minibus!

We are delighted to announce that we have a Discovery minibus!



The trust business team have been working incredibly hard for quite a few months now to put everything in place so we can have our very own minibus.

We were very aware that our trips could be incredibly expensive and the majority of the costs was hiring buses. We wanted to be able to offer more incredible experiences that didn't cost us and you so much.

Our new site supervisor, Keith Harris, is trained in driving large vehicles and in looking after them so he will be the designated driver. Keith has had such a huge impact at Discovery already since he started with us last year and we can't wait to be able to head out and about on the bus with him taking good care of us.



Showbie



It has been amazing to see those of you working at home on Showbie completing some incredible work (parents as well as the children!). We think it is an amazing tool for us to keep in touch with each other and for us to work together to support your child to continue making progress. If you have any issues with the app, or are not sure how to get started, please give us a ring and we will try our best to help. If we don't know the answer, we will ask our expert and get back to you!

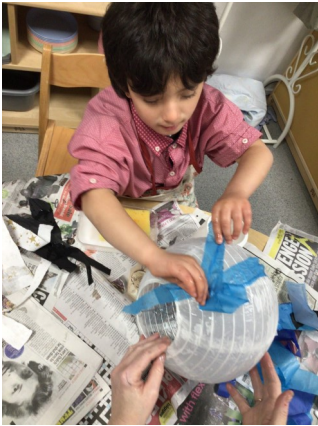
Sensory areas

This year we have had a number of new spaces installed around the academy site to continue to develop our therapeutic offer. These spaces mean we can continue to have visiting therapists on site safely to work with the children and allows quiet spaces for children to access therapies across the day. They are fully kitted out with electricity and carpets and are very cosy (I am often tempted to sneak into one myself for a bit of quiet time!)



Winter Lanterns with Bub

Some of the children have continued their art work with Bub the artist. They have been busy making winter lanterns and they look amazing. We can't wait to see what the next art project might be and share that with you too.



Working together

Across the academy, children have been working hard in their new bubbles during the latest lockdown. They have continued to develop their reading, writing, maths and motor skills as well as exploring the outdoors and getting creative.

