



Discovery Special Academy

Newsletter summer 2a 2021

Restrictions extended

This week, the government has announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. This means:

- We should all continue to wear face coverings in public places and when collecting and dropping children off at school
- Only meet in groups of 6 indoors
- Only meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- continue to minimise the number of people you meet within a short period of time to limit the risk of spreading coronavirus

The guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we also can't have any parent events at the academy this term.

From September, we hope to be able to restart our stay and share events, parent workshops and celebration events. We also hope to be able to extend our offer of after school clubs.

Term dates

The last day of term for children will be Friday 16th July.

The children return after the summer break on Thursday 2nd September

Holiday clubs

Andrew has sent out letters about holiday clubs very soon. These will be running on the 4th and 5th week of the summer break. The first clubs will run from 9th to the 13th August and the second clubs will run from 16th to the 20th August

Messages

Please can we remind you to contact the academy directly with any messages you have about your child or with any questions you may have for us. You can ring on 01642 248333 or use the communication books which teachers look at every day. Please do not send messages through the bus escorts as this isn't always reliable.

Showbie



We have started using our new app Showbie to be able to share the fabulous work the children do with us here at Discovery. This is now replacing Marvellous Me which will no longer be used.

When you register with the app, you can see pictures of the wonderful work your children do. Teachers may also suggest activities that your children can engage in at home linked to their learning.

You can also send pictures of your child to the class teacher for them to see any amazing activities they are doing at home.

Please remember, teachers may be working and sending pictures in the evening, but they will not reply or respond to messages late at night, at the weekend or during the summer holidays.

World Environment Day



Healthy Food Week



Speech, Language and Communication



Building update

We are very pleased to announce that the construction company, Tilsbury Douglas, have started work on site. At the moment this includes earth works and the company are currently clearing the site and building a retaining wall on one side of the site. We hope that by early September, the foundations of the academy will be in place.

We have taken a few pictures of what is currently happening—this mostly involves big diggers and other machinery moving earth, but is still very exciting.

If all goes according to plan, the building should be ready for us to move into by next summer, June 2022 (about this time next year!)



What does Discovery mean to you?

We are putting together a celebration of Discovery to share with other academies in the trust and we want to be able to share what Discovery means to the children, families and staff who make up our amazing community. If you would like to share what Discovery means to you, please write on the attached 'with compliments slip' and send back to the academy in your child's communication book.

Thank you

