

Discovery Special Academy Newsletter summer 2b 2021



Discovery New Build 2022

We are very pleased to say that we are due to move into our new, permanent building at some point in the Summer of 2022. We will be in a position to confirm the exact dates by March 2022.

However, when we are able to move, it will take a week to pack up the contents of the temporary academy and then to move them to the new building and finally to set it up there.

The academy will therefore take 3 PD training days that week and offer 2 online/remote learning days to all children. In addition to this, all children will be offered the opportunity to access 2 days of summer club, meaning that every child has had not only their full educational entitlement but extra. This is in addition to having a brand new academy! This is very exciting and we will keep you updated about progress over the coming months.

Update from the Government

Following the recent announcement from the Government, we are pleased to say that during summer clubs and when we <u>return on Thursday 2nd September</u>, we will not need to keep children in consistent groups (bubbles). This means that the bubble system will stop and both the children and staff across the academy will be able to mix, as they did before Covid rules were introduced.

Moving forward, however, we may have to respond to local public health advice at short notice meaning some restrictive measures may be put back into place. Should this happen, we would update you, through all regular channels of text messaging, letters and website announcements.

Increased hand hygiene, the use of hand sanitisers, good ventilation and additional cleaning will continue in the academy, in order to reduce the spread of viruses and bugs.

Thank you gifts

We are aware that some families like to thank staff at the end of an academic year with a gift. Whilst this is extremely generous, it is not expected. Like at Christmas, buying gifts can become very expensive and all the staff at Discovery would rather your funds were spent on your children and family so that your summer holiday is as special as possible, particularly this year given everything that has happened. Staff at Discovery love their job and your children make it all worthwhile. Without a doubt, the nicest gift a member of staff can receive is a simple thank you (this could be delivered with a lovely picture of your child through SHOWBIE).

What a great year



What does Discovery mean to you?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about What Discovery means to you. We have had some lovely responses.

She has come on so much since she started at Discovery, the staff will help you with anything. The Discovery staff have helped me and my family so much and we appreciate everything they have done for us

Discovery is family, everyone matters and everyone cares.

The Discovery staff have been amazing with my son's development, I can't thank you all enough

A place where children have a chance to shine and show what they are made of



Where each small step is celebrated