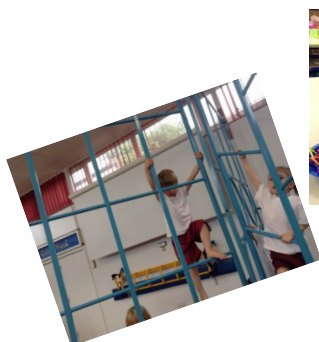




Welcome to Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy



Starting Reception

September 2020

www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk

Welcome to Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy. We are delighted to see that your child will be starting at our school in September. As I am sure you can appreciate, with the current situation, we have to make some changes to our planned transition. We are dedicated to providing your child with the best start and will do our very best to make transition as smooth as possible. We understand that this is a huge step for your child and for you and would like to reassure you that we will be here to answer any questions.

Welcome Meeting

We will be holding a Welcome Meeting for you to attend in September. We will confirm a date for this in due course. This will be another opportunity for you to find out more information about EYFS2 and school life. You will also be able to meet the teachers and ask questions if needed.

Uniform

Your child will need a school uniform. Your child will need the following:

School jumper, school t-shirt, grey or black trousers or a skirt. A PE t-shirt and PE shorts. Children will need trainers for PE. We will be outside, weather permitting, so no plimsolls please.

This can be ordered online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/>

Communication

You will receive weekly newsletters via email and text message reminders about different events. It is essential that you read these newsletters as they are the best means of communication. We will share with you up to date information. We also have a Facebook and Twitter page for you to keep up to date with events happening in school. This is also a platform for sharing the exciting learning opportunities the children experience in school.

The School Day:

8.45-9am - Arrive at school

9am - Registration

12-1pm - Lunchtime

1-1.10pm - Afternoon Registration

3pm - School day finishes

**If you have any further questions you can get in touch via:
hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk**

EYFS2 Classrooms



The Hall:

You will eat your lunch and have P.E in here.



Toilets:



Pegs:



The EYFS at Biscovey and Nursery Infants' Academy

At Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy we are dedicated to giving children the best start to their academic careers.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework which sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. It provides children with the wide range of knowledge and skills that provide a secure foundation for their academic careers and plants the roots to support progress through school and their life to come.

There are seven areas of learning and development that make up the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Prime Areas;

- Communication and language;
- Physical development; and
- Personal, social and emotional development.

Specific Areas

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world; and
- Expressive arts and design.

Underpinning everything that we do in the early years are the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning', which are;

- Playing and exploring – children use all their senses to investigate and explore
- Active learning- children concentrate and keep on trying
- Creating and thinking critically - children develop their own ideas and problem-solving skills.

To support children's development, teachers consider the individual needs, interests and each child's stage of development. They then use this information to provide a challenging and inspiring curriculum for all children. The EYFS is a play-based curriculum, where practitioners use a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities each day.



Tapestry

At Biscovey we work hard to develop very strong partnerships with parents/ carers. Tapestry enables us to share your child's learning journal online. Parents are able to add photos, videos and comments from home at any point during the year.

Once, your child starts in Reception, you will be given parent access to Tapestry. There is an app that can be downloaded to your smart device for free. This makes adding photos and videos from home really easy. Alternatively, you can login to Tapestry online on a computer. We will set weekly home learning tasks, via Tapestry for the children to complete at home to support learning beyond the classroom. Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/FormsPro/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUNlIXOU5LMjJZWFBKVzEyWVRGTUILWkgxOC4u>

Home Learning

Each week a small piece of home learning will be set for you child. This will be set on Tapestry. Once your child has completed it we would love you to share it on Tapestry. Your child's teacher can then comment on the work and celebrate their work in school. We love sharing with the rest of the class what your children have been up to at home. The children love seeing themselves on the whiteboard, discussing their adventures with their friends.

Read Write Inc

At Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy the children learn to read through the Read, Write Inc programme. Read Write Inc Phonics is an exciting and dynamic approach that teaches children to read and write. First, children learn the common sounds in the English language and how to sound-blend words for reading, at the same time they develop skills of handwriting and spelling. They will progress to read and understand storybooks containing words that they can decode so that they achieve early success in reading.

Your child will start by learning sounds from Set 1 which they have learnt in school. These will be sent home to be practiced. As they progress with their sounds, children will move onto reading books that are matched to their phonic ability.

Free School Meals

All Reception aged children will receive a Universal Free School Meal each day. At the beginning of the day children will choose their lunch from the menu. We will talk through the options with your children. All staff will support the children to get their lunch and ensure that they are happy and settled in the hall.

At Biscovey, we have a wide selection of healthy lunches available each day. These include; a hot main meal option, a vegetarian option, jacket potato or a sandwich. We cater for all children and ensure that kitchen staff are aware of any allergies or dietary requirements. There is a separate form to fill out for allergies so that we can ensure your child's needs are taken care of.

Tuck

Each morning the children in Reception can choose to have some tuck. This includes a healthy snack with fruit and milk or water. We ask for a contribution of £1.50 per week. Please pay this via your Parent Pay account. All allergies and dietary needs are carefully considered at tuck times. Drinks are available throughout the day so there is no need to send a drinks bottle for your child. However, if you do send in a bottle, we encourage for it to be filled with water.

Parent Pay

Once your child starts with us, you will be provided with a login for Parent Pay. Those children moving from the Nursery will continue to use their current Parent Pay account. This is used to pay for tuck weekly or termly and school trips.

Children's Belongings

We encourage independence as part of our curriculum. This includes when dressing for PE and getting belongings ready at home time. To prevent uniform and all of your children's belongings getting mixed up, we ask that you label all of your child's belongings clearly.

Messy Activities

This is a valuable part of school experience. Whilst we do try to ensure that children wear aprons when doing messy activities there might be times when their clothes become wet or dirty. We apologise in advance for this.

Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy



Our Visions and Values

Aspire Multi Academy Trust

Working together....inspiring excellence.

Our vision is to raise aspiration and achievement for all.

Biscovey Nursery and Infants Academy

'With strong roots we learn and grow together.'

We want to be a school where:

- Our nurturing ethos supports children and their families.
- Children reach their full potential.
- Children are happy, confident learners.
- Children know how they should be treated and how to treat others.

What we do:

- We nurture children to enable them to understand and reflect on their feelings and behaviour.
- We model and encourage responsibility and respect.
- We provide a curriculum which is inspirational and inclusive.
- We teach children the skills to be resilient learners.
- We strive to have a strong partnership with families and the wider community.

Our values for life:

Healthy me:

Self-belief, honesty and courage

Thinking me:

Curiosity, imagination and reflection

Social me:

Gratitude, empathy and respect