



**Devonshire
Primary
Academy
Pre-School
Brochure**





OUR ETHOS

We believe that all children deserve an education rich in wonder and memorable experiences, alongside the purposeful acquisition of skills and knowledge. We believe that an education that does all of this gives children the best chance to become well-rounded, happy individuals, ready to succeed in an ever-changing world. Our ethos is that no child is left behind, and experienced early years practitioners work tirelessly to identify and address barriers to learning.

ENVIRONMENT

At Devonshire Pre-school, you will notice a calm environment. A neutral space accented with well-thought-out resources purposely placed to support and extend children's learning. We enhance our play spaces regularly by reflecting on the children's progress, skills, and specific interests.

An enabling environment provides children with the space and resources to play, explore and learn. The environment is a crucial aspect of our offering at Devonshire Pre-school. It is widely evidenced within the Early Years as a key factor in supporting children's learning and development.



PRE-SCHOOL HOURS

Our pre-school is term time only (not open during the school holidays).

We open at 8.40 am and close at 3.15 pm Monday to Friday.

We offer a range of sessions, which are detailed below.

We accept the 30 free hour funding —to find out if you are eligible, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

MORNING SESSIONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40—11.40	8.40—11.40	8.40—11.40	8.40—11.40	8.40—11.40

AFTERNOON SESSIONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.15—3.15	12.15—3.15	12.15—3.15	12.15—3.15	12.15—3.15

FULL TIME SESSIONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15

FLEXI 1 SESSIONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15	8.40—11.40		

FLEXI 2 SESSIONS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		12.15—3.15	8.40—3.15	8.40—3.15

We also have a breakfast and afterschool club here at the academy which can be accessed for an additional charge.

Extended Sessions	Price
Breakfast Club: 8.00am - 8.40am	£3
After School Club: 3.15pm - 5.15pm	£6
Additional 15 Hours Top up	£60 per week

Lower Pre-school – Forest Class

Children begin Lower Pre-school the term after their 3rd Birthday. They will then continue their learning journey through to our upper pre-school. Lower pre-school have access to our extensive environment as well as the school trim trail, sensory room, professional dance classes and regular balance bike practise.

Upper Pre-school – Jungle Class

Children begin Upper Preschool the September before they are due to start school. In addition to the lower pre-school activities, Upper pre-school take part in the Blackpool tooth brushing scheme. Upper pre-school may also take part in the Pre-school council where they are given the responsibility to make decisions about their learning and environment.

PEDAGOGY

Our curriculum has been carefully planned to ensure our children receive a broad, balanced and ambitious offer.

Pedagogy is a technical term for all the ways practitioners help children learn and how they teach them. We recognise that all children are different, and therefore, a variety of approaches are required. These include:

- Creating a rich and stimulating environment both indoors and outdoors so that children can choose their own play and activities.
- Joining in with children's play when appropriate and sensitively introducing challenges and new ideas.
- Setting challenges for children sensitively and allowing them to find their own solutions to problems.
- Showing children how to do things (modelling) and explaining how to do things.
- Encouraging children to collaborate and learn from each other.
- Guiding children's learning in a playful way.
- Discussing ideas with children, using skillful questioning and challenging their thinking to help them clarify their understanding of ideas.
- Commenting on what children are doing.
- Directly teaching children a new skill, concept, or an important piece of information.
- Using ICT to support children's learning, using the approaches set out above.



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum offer meets The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Four guiding principles should shape practice in early years settings. These are:

- every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured
- children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships
- children learn and develop well in enabling environments with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners and parents, and/or carers
- importance of learning and development. Children develop and learn at different rates. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

We believe in a consistent approach where each and every practitioner enjoys spending time with the children in their care. A close partnership with parents ensures we work together to provide the very best care for our youngest children.

Seven areas of learning and development must shape educational programmes in early years settings. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

Three areas are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships, and thriving. These are the prime areas:

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social, and emotional development

Providers must also support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design





OUTDOOR PLAY

We have significantly improved our outdoor provision and are very proud of what we have to offer our youngest children.

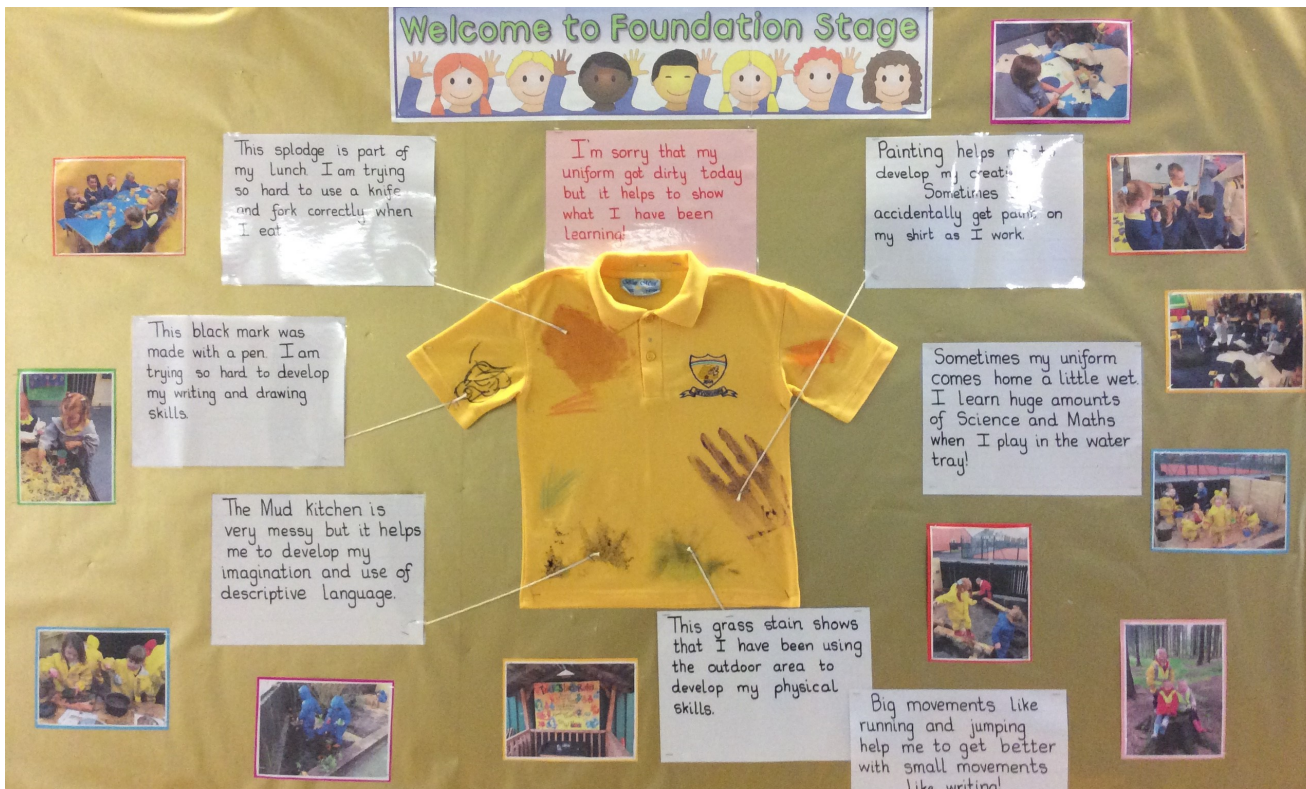
Under our canopy, you will find children engaged in mixing, crushing, measuring, floating, chopping, mark-making, and much more. Walk around the corner and see children improving their gross motor skills on our newly installed climbing apparatus.

We play outside every day, whatever the weather!

Waterproofs are available for children to wear to ensure they remain dry (mostly!) and warm during their time outdoors.



PLAY



Learning is a messy job!

The picture above shows how each mucky mark is linked to a skill that children need to practice in order to perfect it.

Children have to experiment to develop new skills and although we try to keep them as clean as possible, it isn't always easy!

Because of this, we recommend that children wear the Devonshire uniform—see page 10 for more details.

Wearing the uniform will help your child by making them feel part of the team, and means that you don't have to worry about spoiling their 'best' clothes.



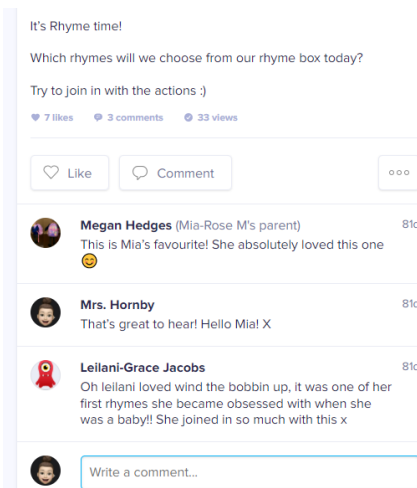
ClassDojo

COMMUNITY

We have a fantastic relationship with all of our parents and carers.

We believe that the key to our successful pre-school community is good communication. Our staff are always available to talk to at the beginning and end of every session along with being available through the Class Dojo network.

Class Dojo is a school communication platform that teachers, students, and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom home through photos, videos, and messages.



EVENTS

We hold regular school events to celebrate holidays, special days, pupil achievements and more.



School Uniform



We encourage all parents to dress their children in school uniform. We believe that by wearing the school uniform children are encouraged to take pride in belonging to the school. School uniform can be purchased from the following places:

Purchasing Uniform from a Shop

Purchase uniform from Ragamuffins

Ragamuffins
1a Westcliffe Drive
Blackpool
FY3 7DZ
01253 390717

Purchasing Uniform Online

myclothing.com

<https://myclothing.com/collections/devonshire-primary-academy-24246>

School Uniform

- Grey Trousers or Skirt/Pinafore
- Yellow Polo Shirt
- Royal Blue School Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- Black Plain Shoes/Trainers (no logos)
- *We recommend children who are unable to tie their own laces wear shoes/trainers with velcro fasteners.*
- Grey or White Socks or Grey Tights
- Optional – Black Hijab for Muslim Pupils/Black Turban for Sikh Pupils/Black African Heritage Head Wrap
- Optional Summer Uniform – Grey Shorts or Blue & White Checked