



BLACKPOOL GATEWAY ACADEMY



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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to you and your family,

Here at Blackpool Gateway Academy, our aim is to take pupils on an exciting and nurturing learning journey and give them the ability to create and shape their own achievements and aspirations through inspirational and challenging teaching.

We want our school to be a place of learning, where expectations for all are high, and there is strong communication between home and school to benefit your child. Pupil well-being is at the heart of everything we do. We aim to ensure all children thrive at Gateway, feel safe, have fun and enjoy success. We want pupils' time in our school to be memorable and happy.

We currently have some 350 pupils on roll, with the capacity for 26 places in our very successful Nursery provision.

We highly value partnership between home and school and ask that our parents take an active and supportive role in school life. We regularly invite parents into school to join in the educational and community journey and hold regular Parent Forums as a way of showing you how our children learn in school as well as having some creative time working alongside them.

At Blackpool Gateway Academy we have developed our curriculum to ensure it meets all needs. We aim to give all children a wide range of experiences to allow them to flourish throughout school life which includes the development of the key skills and knowledge they need to thrive throughout their educational journey.

Our staff go from strength to strength and show compassion, care and interest in all of our children. Our high expectations mean no child is left behind and we look to provide experiences that allow all to be empowered, resilient, ambitious and proud, allowing for success in all they set out to achieve. We work hard to develop all children's future life skills and love of learning through our FCAT core values which allow children to be confident, capable individuals who have the drive and enthusiasm for their futures.

We welcome applications for our yearly Reception intake and for places in our Nursery. Visitors are invited to tour our welcoming and friendly school and our website can give you a glimpse into school life.

We very much look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Miss Makinson

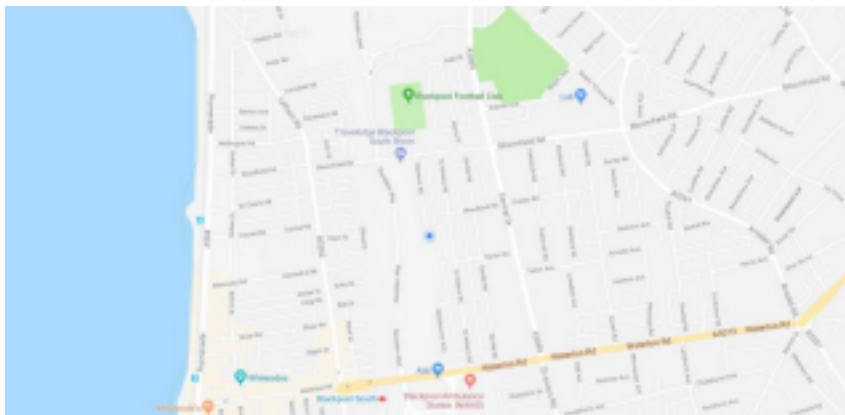
Headteacher

SENDCo/DSL

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to get in touch with us at any time, our address/phone number/email contacts are as follows:

Blackpool Gateway Academy
Seymour Road
Blackpool
FY1 6JH
Tel/Fax: - 01253 402936
Email: admin@gateway.fcat.org.uk
Website: <https://gateway.fcat.org.uk>



MISSION STATEMENT

‘All are committed to high standards so that pupils and their parents can have high aspirations for their future’.

We endeavour to work together with parents, Governors and the local community to provide high quality care and education through continuous improvement.

Encouraging all children to enjoy learning, develop their best potential and show mutual respect for one another.

We promote independence and hope that all our pupils become ‘life-long learners’.

Our school motto is ‘Learning today for a brighter tomorrow.’

SCHOOL INFORMATION

The directors of Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT) are ultimately responsible through the local governing body for Blackpool Gateway Academy. Blackpool Gateway Academy is an academy school. It is a private company, limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales.

Leadership Team

HEADTEACHER: Miss N Makinson
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER DSL: Miss E Frankland
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER: Mr A Kenworthy

Governors

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: Rachael Alarcon
HEADTEACHER: Nicola Makinson
STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Rory McCormack
PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Daniel Butterfield
FCAT GOVERNOR: Paul Bates
SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR: Paul Bates

All correspondence to Governors should be addressed to the school.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

As an Academy, the governing body is the admissions authority. The governing body has delegated the responsibilities in relation to allocations and appeals to the local authority. Blackpool Gateway Academy operates within an equal preference scheme and welcomes all children.

All children who reach the age of 5 years during the academic year, which runs from 1st September to 31st August, will be admitted at one intake, early in the Autumn term, if their parents wish it.

SESSIONS

Doors Open: 8:35am
Morning Session: 8:45am - 12:15/12.30pm (Reception 11:45am)
Playtime: 15 minutes during the morning session
Afternoon Session end of lunchtime - 3.15pm

Children are supervised by teachers on duty and classroom assistants during break times.

LATE - If your child arrives late (after 8:45am) a 'late mark' is given. Parents must accompany their child into school and report to the school office with children who are late, as they need to be included on dinner registers etc. Repeated lateness will be monitored and reported to parents. If it is considered an ongoing problem a visit to the home by a Pupil Welfare Officer will be arranged.

NURSERY

Our facilities include a 26 place Nursery with direct access to our secure EYFS outdoor provision. All of our staff are fully qualified to a minimum of Level 3 and are experienced in working within early years. We also have an EYFS teacher working directly with the children.

Experiences offered within our nursery are varied with a balance of adult-led and child-initiated play which is led by the children's interests. We access the outdoors every day as part of our continuous provision and will play in all weathers unless conditions may cause risk to the children.

Sessions

Sessions offered are based on parents' requirements and the well-being of the children.

The sessions are:

Mornings: 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoons: 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Full days: 8.45am - 3.15pm - Your child will only have lunch at Nursery if they attend a full day. If your child attends a full day, you can either bring a packed lunch or pay an extra £2.00 for a school dinner. In addition to our sessions above between 8.45 - 3.15 we can offer extended sessions in breakfast and after school clubs. These places are limited and need to be booked in advance, there is an additional charge for this facility.

Extended Sessions (limited places), term time only.

7:45am - 8.45am - Breakfast Club

3.15pm - 5.30pm - After school club

Nursery places must be booked in a minimum of 3-hour sessions. We also recommend that children attend a minimum of two separate sessions a week.

If you would like your child to attend for more than their 15 hours entitlement, **it will cost £5.50 per hour.**

If both parents work, you might be entitled to 30 free hours. You will need to apply via the government website - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

If approved, you must bring the code to the school office and your child can attend 30 hours the following term.

Please note: all children that attend our nursery must be fully toilet trained before they start.

If you would like further information about our nursery or to arrange to come and have a look round, please contact us on: **01253 402936.**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

This is an out of school club offering places on a pre-booked basis to children who attend Blackpool Gateway Academy. The before and after school provision offers stimulating and creative activities for the children. An area is set aside within the club, for those children who wish to read or complete their homework. Staff members are all suitably qualified and experienced.

OPENING TIMES:

Breakfast Club 7.45 am to 8.45 am

After School Club 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm

FEES:

Breakfast Club - There will be a charge of £2.50 per session.

After School Club - There will be a charge of £5.50 per session.

Payments are by way of MCAS (my child at school) and are to be made in advance of sessions taken.

If you wish to enquire about booking your child into this provision, please telephone: **01253**

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ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please report to school giving the reason for absence before 9.10am - messages can be left on our 24 hour answer phone, our mobile number dedicated to attendance on 07886864394 or email admin@gateway.fcat.org.uk . If a child is absent and we do not know why, a member of staff will endeavour to contact parents after 8:45 am. Following an absence, when your child returns to school, please notify the office of their reason for absence (this is a legal requirement).

If your child has a hospital/doctor/clinic appointment please let the class teacher know in advance and inform the school office. We ask that appointments are made, whenever possible, outside of school hours.

If your child has an infectious or contagious disease, it is important that the school is notified and a doctor's clearance obtained before he/she returns to school.

Repeated absences and holidays taken during term seriously interrupt children's education.

Attendance at school is a legal requirement. The school is obliged to record children's absence as authorised and unauthorised. Only the Headteacher can authorise absence. Attendance at school is closely monitored and concern about an individual pupil will be reported to the pupil welfare officer. A home visit may be made to discuss problems with attendance. The Department of Education defines "persistent absence" as below 90%.

HOME/SCHOOL LINKS

We encourage all parents to take an active part in their child's education, working for close co-operation between home and school and having an 'open door' policy for parents to chat to the family engagement manager, senior leadership team, SENDCO or teachers about their child.

However, for security reasons we ask parents to inform the Headteacher or the school office of their visit into school and to make an appointment to see a member of staff at a mutually convenient time.

COMMUNICATION

The majority of information about the school can be found on the website. This includes holiday dates, letters, newsletters, class pages, reminders, forms and a calendar for the entire year. Please visit:

<https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/>

Methods of communication we use are:

- Newsletters
- Facebook/ X
- Letters from class teachers
- Class Dojo
- Reports to parents about child's progress
- Letters to parents about any concerns
- Calendars of events shared on dojo
- Policies on the school website
- MCAS (My Child at School)

The school operates a text messaging service to support our home/school links. **Please keep us up to date with addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contact numbers.**

We communicate with parents by individual or general letter, by telephone or in person depending upon the nature of the information. Letters can be from the Headteacher, class teachers or the Chair of Governors.

Information from Home to School

There are times when parents need to communicate with school. Please contact us if:

- Your child is going to be absent from school due to illness.
- Your child is going to be absent for a reason other than illness.
- You require your child to leave school before 3.15pm. (Please try to make appointments during out of school times where possible.)
- You have important information for the teacher regarding your child.

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

We have many policies covering the curriculum, health and safety, staffing, financial arrangements and organisation of the school.

Many of these can be found in full on the school website along with a range of useful information, please visit: <https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/>

MCAS (My Child at School)

Blackpool Gateway Academy is a cashless school. If parents are required to pay for anything, this must be paid through MCAS.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE



We ask parents to name all items of clothing and possessions. We do not encourage the wearing of jewellery in school, for example necklaces, rings etc. If watches are worn (older children who can tell the time), we ask for them to be named. No jewellery will be allowed during PE for health and safety reasons. **Earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons - children must be able to remove them themselves.** Please note, no earrings or jewellery are to be worn by children in the Foundation Stage. If children do have their ears pierced, please have it done at the start of the 6-week summer holiday.

KS1 UNIFORM

Grey shorts/long trousers
Grey pinafore/skirt
Black shoes (not trainers)
Blue checked summer dress -Summer only
White short sleeved polo shirt
School sweatshirt/cardigan
Grey/white socks/grey tights

KS2 UNIFORM


White collared shirt and school tie
Grey long/short trousers
Grey pinafore/skirt
School sweatshirt/cardigan
Grey/white socks /grey tights
Black shoes (not trainers)
Blue checked summer dress -Summer only

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (Boys and Girls)

On each class' 'PE days' children are asked to come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the entire day. By doing this we are able to increase the total amount of time spent doing physical activity and prevent valuable time being wasted getting changed.

On these days pupils will be able to come to school in their own trainers or pumps too (but **ONLY** on these days.) Trainers provide better support for your child's feet as physical activities become more challenging.

Kit will be as follows:

Year Group	Kit	Footwear
Nursery/Reception Year 1/Year 2	PE t-shirt in their house colour blue school jumper/cardigan/blue BGA sport hoodie black BGA logo or plain cuffed tracksuit bottoms Summer - black P.E shorts may be worn to school	white or grey socks pumps or trainers
Year 3/ Year 4/ Year 5/ Year 6	PE t-shirt in their house colour blue school jumper or blue BGA sport hoodie black BGA logo or plain cuffed tracksuit bottoms Summer - Black P.E shorts may be worn to school	white or grey socks pumps or trainers 

Extremes of fashion, both in terms of clothing or personal appearance are not allowed in school. All shoulder length/long hair must be tied back with a bobble, band or scrunchie. Hair should not be shaved below a grade 2 and we request that patterns are not shaved into the head as this is inappropriate for school. By drawing attention to themselves in this way, children open themselves to potential ridicule and distract other pupils from their work. We also ask that children do not wear nail varnish in school. In common with all other schools in the country, the headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision regarding matters of this nature. Mobile phones are not encouraged, but if deemed essential, must be handed in to the teacher at the start of the school day. They will then be placed in the safe until 3.15pm.

LEARNING AT GATEWAY ACADEMY

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

For children aged 4-5 years in the Nursery to the end of Reception class.

The Foundation Stage is about developing key learning skills: listening, speaking, concentrating, persistence and learning to work and cooperate with others.

The curriculum is organised into three prime areas of learning:

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

Plus into four specific areas:

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

The outdoor environment is a special part of the early years curriculum. As such, it is well resourced, planned for and available each day.

Staff will complete an on-entry baseline assessment with the children during the first few weeks in September or shortly after they join the school.

KEY STAGE 1 AND KEY STAGE 2

For each core subject (English, Mathematics and Science) and each foundation subject (Design Technology, Computing, History, Geography, Art & Design, Music, Physical Education, Personal, Social and Health Education and Religious Education) programmes of study set out what pupils should be taught and attainment targets set out the expected standards of pupils' performance. Modern Foreign Language is also taught at Key Stage 2.

At the end of Key Stage 1 pupils are assessed by the class teacher against national expectations. At the end of Key Stage 2, pupils are given a series of nationally determined tests, marked externally - called Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) to determine their level of attainment.

The school provides a written annual report to parents and holds regular formal/informal open evenings during the year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education makes a distinctive contribution to the school curriculum by developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of beliefs, practices, language and traditions and their influence on individuals, communities, societies and cultures. We follow the Lancashire agreed framework and syllabus for Religious Education. If you feel that your child needs to be excused from religious education, please inform the headteacher

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

Sex education is taught throughout the school both as a discrete subject and as part of the Science curriculum/ RSE curriculum. Parents are informed of the content and if they so wish, they have the right to withdraw their child.

INCLUSIVE PROVISION

Within each class, work is adapted to suit the needs of the individual child. Inclusive provision is designed to meet the needs of those children with learning difficulties, sensory impairment, physical difficulties, behavioural and emotional needs, as well as meeting the needs of children working at greater depth. If your child has Special Educational Needs or additional needs, you will be invited to school on a termly basis to meet with the class teacher to discuss the individual education plan which has been put in place to help your child.

If your child is experiencing any problem that is affecting his/her progress we will:

- inform you
- invite you to come and discuss the concerns
- involve you in helping your child to succeed during his/her time at Blackpool Gateway Academy.

We may also decide together to involve the specialist help of staff from outside agencies.

If you have any concerns please first contact your child's class teacher, who will liaise with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

DISABLED PUPILS

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 was extended to include education by the Special Educational needs and Disability Act 2001. In accordance with this legislation, the Governing Body of Blackpool Gateway Academy recognise their three key duties:

- Not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason related to their disability
- To make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage
- To plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils

The school aims to ensure that disabled pupils are treated on equal terms with other pupils.

HOMEWORK

Children make the best progress if parents and school work together. We expect parents to hear their children read on a daily basis and support them in activities such as learning spellings and memorising multiplication tables. Parents can encourage correct letter formation, presentation of work, good handwriting, questioning children about what they have read, taking them to the library and showing a love of reading. Homework may also be given to support planned areas of study in class, if a child needs additional practice in a specific area and to enable lost ground by absence to be made up. The amount of homework given to children increases as they move through the school.

All children will receive their homework on a **Friday** and it should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. The frequency and nature of homework is tailored to the age and developmental stage of the child.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS / Reception)

The focus is on learning together and developing core skills.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** A half-termly 'Project on the Page' based on creative ideas linked to the curriculum.

Years 1 - 4 (Key Stage One & Lower Key Stage Two)

Homework continues to embed key skills whilst promoting independence.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** a half-termly 'Project on the Page'.
- **English:** weekly spellings (tested once a week).
- **Maths:** daily times table challenges on Times Table Rockstars.

Years 5 - 6 (Upper Key Stage Two)

Homework focuses on developing independent learning skills in preparation for secondary school.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** a half-termly 'Project on the Page'.
- **English:** weekly spellings (tested once a week).
- **Maths:** either arithmetic or reasoning challenges on LBQ.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We believe that all members of our school community should feel valued and respected and that each person is treated fairly and well. We have high expectations of children's behaviour.

Children are encouraged to give their best in and out of the classroom and when asked to do something by an adult, children should do it the first time. We like to reward those children who behave well and make every effort with their work by awarding class dojo points and certificates. For those children who make poor choices, certain consequences may be used. Please see our Relationships Policy on the school website for further details. Parents may be asked to visit the school to discuss their child's behaviour.

In addition, class teachers may set appropriate and specific rules for individual classes.

It is assumed that parents who choose to send their child to the school, will support and cooperate fully with the staff in maintaining high standards of work and behaviour.

As a school we recognise the need to reward good choices in behaviour. It is impressed upon children from an early age that they have a choice in how they behave.

We use a positive approach in encouraging good attitudes by rewarding and praising appropriate behaviour. Pupils and parents are encouraged to discuss any problems with staff (initially the class teacher, then Mrs Riley or Miss Makinson) at the school if they are experiencing difficulties or feel concerned about the behaviour of others towards themselves. The school does not tolerate bullying of any kind and has an anti-bullying policy, which can be found on the school website.

COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Any complaints regarding the curriculum or school matters in general should be discussed initially with the class teacher. If you wish to proceed further with your complaint then the Complaints Procedure should be followed.

If you remain dissatisfied with the result, please discuss it with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and then the Headteacher.

If attempts to settle the concern informally have failed, then the Headteacher will supply the complainant with the name of the Clerk to the Governors.

This school has a duty of care towards our pupils and staff and will not accept unreasonable behaviour.

SAFEGUARDING

The school has a duty of care and the right to take reasonable action to ensure the welfare and safety of its pupils. If a member of staff has cause to be concerned that a pupil may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or any other form of abuse, the school will follow the safeguarding procedures and inform social services of its concern. This could involve a visit to the child's home by a social worker.

Miss Frankland, the academy Deputy Headteacher, is the Designated Lead for Safeguarding.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All pupils and staff are equally valued regardless of age, ability, colour, class, race, gender, religion or physical need. All pupils have equal access to the curriculum and are placed in mixed gender age groups throughout. The curriculum and its resources are designed and taught to reflect the multi-cultural framework of our society.

INSPECTION

Blackpool Gateway Academy was last inspected in May 2022 the report can be accessed through the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk).

PARENT FORUM

All parents are automatically members of the Parent Forum. Blackpool Gateway Academy has an active, enthusiastic and supportive Forum who engage with developments in school relating to teaching and learning and curriculum issues. Parent Forum sessions are held half termly and are based on a different curriculum area or aspect of school life each time. Reminders of the dates for these will be sent via dojo.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND VISITS

We aim to offer a range of extra-curricular experiences throughout the school. Clubs that have been available during the school year have included:

Football	Lego Club
ECO Club	Badminton
Gymnastics	Photography
Musical Theatre	Arts and Crafts

Educational visits are arranged to support the studies that take place within the classroom. Each visit is carefully planned and organised to provide a valuable learning experience. If parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of a visit, a child will not be prevented from taking part in a visit on the basis that a contribution has not been made. However, the school reserves the right to cancel a visit if it is not financially viable. The school reserves the right to exclude any child from a visit if his/her behaviour is not supportive of health & safety issues.

HOLIDAY DATES

Holiday dates are available on our school website or from the school office.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

FIRST AID

If a child becomes unwell during the school day, parents will be contacted.

Please keep us informed of all up-to-date contact telephone numbers.

If your child sustains a bump to the head, as a matter of routine a note will be sent home to you. If an emergency situation arises we shall first endeavour to contact a parent and if necessary take your child to hospital.

ROAD SAFETY

The school actively supports the development of positive attitudes to road usage. This will be achieved through the integration of road safety themes and topics into the curriculum. From time to time children receive visits from the Police Road Safety Department to encourage good practice in road safety.

At Blackpool Gateway Academy, parents **must not** park on the 'KEEP CLEAR' and 'ZIG-ZAG' lines at the front of the school, nor drop children at these points. It is a parking offence and liable to a fine.

Parents are **not permitted** to park in the staff car park.

You will appreciate that the safety of children is paramount and it is therefore important that **cars must not stop close to school**, as this could put the children's lives at risk. We also ask that you park considerately for the sake of our neighbours. We encourage you to park at the car park on Seaside Way at drop off and pick up times.

Cycle shelters are available on the school site but scooters and bikes are left at your own risk and should be locked up with a bicycle lock.

FIRE PRACTICES AND LOCKDOWN PRACTICES

Fire practices and lockdown practices are held termly.

SECURITY

Security arrangements are constantly under review. In order to gain entry to the school the following procedure should be observed:

Please use the main entrance only. Our school has a window where you can speak to a member of staff. Once you have done so, you will be given entry to the school if necessary.

If you are assisting in school or visiting, please sign in using the electronic sign-in system and collect a visitor badge.

MEDICINES

We are prepared to hold medicines in school which have been prescribed by a doctor for use by children with complaints such as asthma. However, before any prescribed medicine is sent to school, please speak to the SENDCO and complete the necessary form. Medicine must be clearly labelled with the child's name and always accompanied by written instructions.

If your child has been prescribed medicine which needs administering four times per day, once the necessary form has been completed by parents, the nominated person will ensure that the child receives the prescribed dose.

All medicines are kept in a secure place.

Infectious Diseases – Recommended Absence Periods:

Sickness and diarrhoea - 24 hours after last episode
Chicken pox - Five days from onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over
Conjunctivitis - None
Hand, foot and mouth - None
Measles or German Measles (Rubella) - Four days from onset of rash and recovered
Impetigo - Until lesions are crusted /healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Scarlet fever - Until 24hrs of appropriate antibiotic treatment completed
COVID-19 - see current government guidance

If you have any queries regarding your child's return to school following an infectious illness, please consult your GP.

HEAD LICE

Head lice have no preference for clean or dirty hair, so infection is absolutely no reflection on a family's standard of hygiene. Head lice are easy to detect and easy to protect against. Lice are greyish brown in colour, six legged insects about the size of a match head. Live eggs are skin coloured and found close to the scalp, empty egg sacs are white and shiny and found further along the hair shaft.

We would appreciate parents' help in checking your child's hair every week for head lice.

If you do find your child is infected, ask your local pharmacist or doctor to advise you about treatments which are available. Do not forget you must treat the whole family.

DOGS

Please note that dogs are **not allowed** in the school grounds (with the exception of guide dogs).

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

Your child may be entitled to a Pupil Premium Grant. This enables the school to apply for extra funding to be spent on your child's education. If you are in receipt of certain benefits or think you may be eligible for this, please contact our school office or speak to Mrs. Riley - our Family Engagement Worker.

FOOD IN SCHOOL

SCHOOL MEALS

Provision is made at lunchtime for children to stay for a school meal or bring a packed lunch. School meals are cooked on the premises. The children spend their lunchtime under the direct supervision of class teaching assistants.

Currently, universal free school meals are available for all children from Reception to Year 2. School meals for Year 3-6 cost £2.50 per day - £12.50 per week. If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals and you have not registered, please speak to someone in the school office.

Blackpool Gateway Academy is a cashless school and so parents are required to pay for their child's school meals using MCAS. These meals are chosen in class weekly on a Thursday morning, ready for the week ahead.

PACKED LUNCHES

We ask you to observe the following arrangements:

- All drinks must be brought in a plastic container, never glass. Please avoid fizzy drinks.
- Please do not send unhealthy items-chocolate, sweets, biscuits etc.
- Packed lunch boxes must be **named on the outside**.
- No cans or metal containers are permitted
- Due to limited storage space please restrict the size of the lunch box. *Do not send backpacks.*

Changing between school dinners and packed lunches requires two weeks notice. Forms are available from the Gateway Office. Notice in writing must be given to the class teacher or the office before the end of the previous term.

Snacks are available in school for children who need them-these include fruit and milk. We also provide a slice of wholemeal toast for each pupil daily for breakfast.