



**Blackpool  
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## Starting School

We understand that starting school is a major event for you and your child and we aim to make this transition as stress-free as possible. We want to make starting school a special time by getting to know him/her in a relaxed, caring environment.

## Children's Visits

We like to get to know your child and help them to feel comfortable and confident about starting school in September. Due to the current Corona Virus outbreak we are unable to confirm visit dates; however we will do this as soon as possible.

## Important Dates

To be confirmed – please check our Facebook page and Twitter feed <https://twitter.com/gatewaycat> for the latest information.

## Uniform



<u>BOYS UNIFORM</u>	<u>GIRLS UNIFORM</u>
Blue/White short sleeved shirt School sweatshirt Grey shorts/long trousers Grey socks Black shoes (not trainers).	Blue checked or striped summer dress Blue/White short sleeved shirt School sweatshirt/cardigan Grey shorts/long trousers Grey pinafore/skirt Grey/white socks/grey tights Black shoes (not boots).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM (Boys and Girls) On each classes' 'PE day' 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 this day pupils will be able to come to school in their own trainers or pumps too (but ONLY on this day.) Trainers provide better support for your child's feet as physical activities become more challenging.

Kit will be as follows :

<p>Year Group Kit</p> <p>Reception/ Year 1/Year 2</p>	<p>White collared t-shirt blue school jumper/cardigan/blue BGA sport hoodie black BGA logo or plain cuffed tracksuit bottoms.</p> <p>Summer - Black P.E shorts may be worn to school</p> <p>White or grey socks</p>
<p>Footwear</p>	<p>Pumps or trainers</p>

*The supplier of Blackpool Gateway Academy uniform is*

**1st Class Kids**

**106-108 Highfield Rd, Blackpool FY4 2JF**

**01253 403798**

In Reception, access to our outside learning environment is required throughout the year and this means that we aim to provide opportunities for outside activities whatever the weather! Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat, particularly in Winter, and a pair of clearly labelled wellies, which can be kept in school.

### **The first weeks of school**

To make sure the transition into our Reception Class is as happy as possible we operate a simple staggered entry. We will give you actual times and dates in due course.

	AM	PM
Thursday Week 1	Group A	Group B
Friday Week 1	Group B	Group A
Week 2	Group A and B full time	

### **Coming to school in the mornings**

During the first few days, please feel free to settle your child within the classroom. Your child/children will have a draw and coat peg where they will leave all their belongings such as coats, scarves, hats etc.

Once your child starts school full time, please leave your child to enter the classroom with the rest of the Reception Class.

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible right from the start, but there will always be at least one adult to help your child with their coats etc. as necessary. This also helps the class settle down quickly at the start of the day and begin lessons. It is very helpful if your child can recognise his/her name when they start school, as they will have a labelled tray in the classroom.

### **Things your child needs to bring to school on daily basis:**

- Book bag for reading books, newsletters, home/school book, make – please encourage your child to bring every day.
- Lunchbox (if required)
- A coat

### **The Foundation Stage Curriculum**

In Reception, we follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum Guidelines and learn through play based learning.

#### **The Prime Areas:**

Communication and Language Development

Physical Development

Personal Social and Emotional Development

#### **The Specific Areas**

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

There will be a parents meeting in September for all new parents to discuss the EYFS Curriculum.

#### **School Meals**

Children in Reception are entitled to the Universal Free School Meal. However some children may like to bring a packed lunch to school which is acceptable.

## Snack

A healthy snack is provided for each child every day. Snacks vary each day and include apples, pears, satsumas, tomatoes, and bananas. The children will be offered water or milk to drink. We encourage the children to keep hydrated by drinking water throughout the day, water is freely available.

## Free School Milk

Children are also entitled to free school milk everyday.

## Collecting Children

Once your child is in school full time, the school day ends at 3:15p.m. Children are seen out to parents or guardians **one at a time** by their teacher or teaching assistant. Children will leave through their classroom door. **It is important** that we know if somebody else will be collecting your child from school. Please let us know in the morning. If arrangements change during the day, please call school to make us aware.

## The school day

8:45 Gates open



9:00 Doors close – class registers taken



9:05 Morning lessons begin

11:45-12.45 Lunchtime

12:45 Afternoon lessons begin

3:05 Gates open for parents



3:15 Collect children

## Attendance

Regular Attendance is of the upmost importance to the Staff and Governors at Blackpool Gateway Academy.

We celebrate excellent attendance and have an attendance awards.

In addition to the termly award the school

- Contact parents everyday if their child is absent
- Hold family meetings if parents are persistently struggling with attendance
- Have regular meetings and report to Governors on figures, examine closely trends and patterns

If your child is ill and needs to be absent from school please contact the school office first thing in the morning.

If you have a medical appointment please bring in the relevant documents e.g. letter/ appointment card. So that it will not affect your child's attendance.

### **In preparation for your child starting school it would be useful if...**

- All items of clothes are labelled
- That children can take themselves to the toilet and wash their hands
- Recognise their names
- Have shoes that they can put on independently
- Put a coat on independently

### **And finally...**

Class teachers are available every morning. Please do not hesitate to see them if you have any questions or concerns. If you wish to speak to a member of staff at any other time, please call the school office to make an appointment.

We hope that your child will enjoy their time at Blackpool Gateway Academy and we will make every effort to ensure that this happens.

