



**Blackpool
Gateway
Academy**

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FAQs for Parents/Carers

What time does school start and finish?

School hours are 8.45am - 3.15pm, please bring your child directly to the classroom from 8.45am where there will be adults to welcome them.

What if I am late?

After 9.00am please take your child to the office to sign them in where Mrs Carroll will take their lunch order and bring them to the classroom.

What if my child is ill and will be absent from school?

Please phone the office on 01253 402936 and leave a message before the start of school. We hope they feel better soon!

What if my child is ill at school?

We will contact you if your child is not well. Please let us know in the morning if you have given your child any medication before school, or if they have complained of feeling unwell, as it helps us to build up the bigger picture. If your child requires medication during the school day, please fill in a form at the office. We do have cushions and blankets in Reception and encourage children who are tired to rest.

How will I know what is going on at school?

We encourage you to register for ClassDojo, which will mean you receive frequent updates and news about what we have been learning and other information.

What can my child have for lunch?

School dinners are free for all infant school children. There is a three-week rotational menu and your child has a choice of a main course, a vegetarian option and a jacket potato with different toppings. Bread and salad are always available, with water to drink. There is a choice of pudding, a sweet treat, yoghurt or fruit.

What is a suitable lunch?

We encourage you to provide a healthy, balanced lunch box at Blackpool Gateway Academy. Please ensure you pack a suitable amount for your child. We encourage the children to have playtime after they have eaten, and packed lunches that contain too much food can result in them missing out on much needed fresh air and exercise.

What about drinks and snacks?

We encourage the children to drink throughout the day and we have a water fountain freely available. Free milk is provided for all children. Free fruit or vegetables are also provided for all children.

What should be in the book bag?

It will seem pretty empty at first! Your child will not need a pencil case as everything is provided at school. They will get different books to read at home – more details will follow as appropriate.

Can my child bring things from home?

We ask that children do not bring toys from home to play with during the day, so that they do not get lost or broken.

What should my child wear?

Please see the separate sheet covering school uniform requirements. Sensible footwear and appropriate outdoor coat are essentials.

What if my child has a toileting accident?

This isn't uncommon at all and we will support your child to get cleaned up and changed. A spare pair of pants in a plastic bag popped in their book bag is always useful, if you think your child might need them. However, we do have spares at school, too.

What if my child hurts themselves at school?

Minor bumps and scrapes are cleaned and patched up. If your child has a bump to the head, they will be assessed and a first aid form completed with details of the bump. You will receive a bumped head form at the end of the day. We will contact you if your child has an incident that causes us any concern.

What about going outside?

We like to make use of our fabulous grounds and outdoor learning area as much as possible. Please ensure your child is always appropriately dressed for the weather and has suitable footwear.

What if my child goes to Breakfast Club/After School Club?

We have communication systems set up so that messages can be passed either way. Your child is escorted to and from Breakfast/ After School Club at the beginning or end of the day.

What if I am worried about something?

Please talk to us – many small issues can be resolved quickly but it is important to do so before they become bigger issues.