



# DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## The Best That We Can Be

Friday 6th September 2024

### Headteacher’s Notice

Hello Devonshire,

We have reached the end of our first week back at Devonshire Primary Academy and what a busy week it has been! It has given myself and the staff enormous pleasure to see the pupils again and it’s lovely to see how thrilled they are to be back in school. I’m especially pleased with how smart the children look in their school uniform and I hope that this continues all year.

I would like to thank all the families who continue to follow our guidelines when dropping off and picking up at the beginning and end of the school day. As a reminder, please stand behind the barriers in the playground at the end of the school day as this allows staff to dismiss pupils as safely as possible.

This week we received the fantastic news that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools ‘Green Flag with Merit’ award! The Green Flag is awarded to schools to acknowledge, reward and celebrate their ecological achievements. At Devonshire, we continue to ensure that our pupils are actively engaged with environmental issues as we work towards Net Zero. I would like to say a huge thank you to our Eco Lead, Mrs Hornby, and our Eco Council who have worked so hard to achieve this prestigious award.

This morning, I had the pleasure of leading our first assembly of the new school year and I was very proud to give badges to our new Junior Leadership Team! Well done to Amelia, Rares, Ella, Yavin and Kiara; myself and the Senior Leadership Team look forward to working with you this year.

Next week we are hosting ‘Meet the Teacher’ on Wednesday 11th September. This meeting will give you an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out about routines and expectations in their new class. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you and I hope everybody finds the event useful and informative. If you can’t make it to then meeting, or you have more than one child in school, please be assured that teachers will share the information discussed on their Class Dojo pages.

To all pupils, parents, staff and the local community, I hope you have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher



#### Apply for your child’s **high school** place in September 2025!

The closing date is 15 January 2025.

Apply online at: [https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

#### Apply for your child’s **primary school** place in September 2025!

The closing date is 31 October 2024.

Apply online at: [https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.blackpool.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

### Reminders for Parents and Carers

- ♥ Check all items of clothing and accessories are labelled with your child’s name.
- Send your child to school with a coat in case of cold and rainy weather.
- ♥ Send your child to school with their book bag and reading record every day.
- ♥ Fill your child’s water bottle with fresh water every day.
- ♥ Update personal/dietary information with the office or via ParentApp.

*If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming academic year, you can discuss these with your child’s class teacher during Meet the Teacher on Wednesday 11th September.*

### School Uniform

#### Daily Uniform

Grey Trousers or Skirt/Pinafore  
Yellow Polo Shirt  
Royal Blue School Sweatshirt/Cardigan  
Black Plain Shoes/Trainers (full shoe with ‘back’ and 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 Dress

#### PE

Black PE Pumps/Trainers (full shoe with ‘back’)  
*We recommend children who are unable to tie their own laces wear pumps/trainers with velcro fasteners.*  
Plain/School Logo White T-Shirt  
Black PE Shorts Or Black Tracksuit Bottoms/Joggers  
School Grey PE Hoodie Or School Sweatshirt



Green Flag Award

We are very pleased to announce that the Eco-Committee at Devonshire Primary Academy have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit Award!  
The panel described children in our school as “clearly very passionate about environmental issues and willing to go above and beyond to create positive impacts in their local community and beyond.”