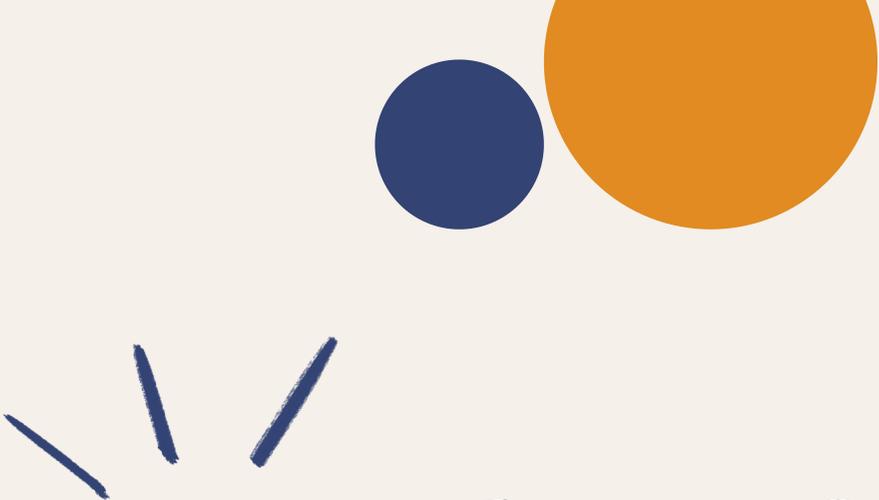




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Welcome to Dowson Academy Nursery





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VISION

Today's generation makes a positive difference to tomorrow's world.

MISSION

To prepare children with the skills, knowledge, values and attributes needed to succeed and achieve in an unknown future.

VALUES

**PRIDE AND RESPECT
ASPIRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT
CITIZENSHIP AND CARE
TEAM WORK**





A very warm welcome to Dowson Primary Academy! Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make and we take that very seriously. We feel privileged that you are entrusting us with your most precious possession and promise to nurture and care for them throughout their journey in school, providing them with a wealth of opportunities and experiences, the highest quality of teaching, an exciting curriculum and lots and lots of love and happiness.

At Dowson, our vision is that:

‘Today’s generation will make a positive difference to tomorrow’s world.’

We strive to prepare children with the skills, values and attributes needed to succeed and achieve in an unknown future: this extends beyond them reaching high standards of academic and learning skills, to encompass citizenship, an understanding of their place and part in the world and teaching them to be great people of the future.

Most importantly, we want your child to feel safe and be happy – that’s the only way they will be able to be the best that they can be!

We hope that you are as excited as we are for your child and yourself to join our Dowson family. The parent and school partnership and working together is vital for the success of your child’s education. For this reason, we hope that you will take the time to read our Home-School Agreement (PACT) which outlines the values we all agree to work by, discuss this with your child and sign it to show your commitment to school and the things that are crucial to your child’s successful development and achievement.

Thank you for choosing Dowson: we look forward to sharing a wonderful journey with your family as your child embarks on the best years of their life.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs K L Thornburn
Principal**





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Meet the Team



Mrs P Donnelly



Mrs R Lowe



Mrs J Cartwright



Mrs N Houghton



Miss E Hill



Mrs C Tudor



Mrs R Roper



Mrs J Curtin



Mrs R Goddard



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Our School Day

**Our morning session begins at 8:45am and finishes at
12:00pm**

Lunch is from 12:00pm until 1:00pm

The afternoon session is from 1pm and finishes at 3:15pm

Every child aged 3-4 is entitled to 15 hours free nursery care.

We offer 30 free hours for those eligible.

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working>

**Enquire now about our 30 hour funded places for 3 and 4 year olds
01613660177**



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Learning Through Play

Play is often viewed as a simple pastime for children, but its significance in early childhood education is profound. Play-based learning fosters essential cognitive, social, and emotional development in young learners.

Play-based learning is an educational approach that uses play as the primary mode of learning. Children engage in structured and unstructured play to explore concepts, solve problems, and develop skills. This method is rooted in the understanding that children learn best when they are actively involved and having fun.



Our highly skilled team provide a learning environment that enables children to explore, create, experiment and play! Our resources, equipment and activities are all set up in a way that meets the developmental needs of each child. Our staff will regularly play with the children because it is our skilled questioning and support that helps them to progress. Throughout each day the children will play independently, in groups, with an adult, at a table, on the floor, writing in a book, writing in the mud! We encourage all of our parents to play with their children at home too. You will be amazed at what children are capable of when we meet them at their level.





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WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN EARLY YEARS?

THERE ARE 7 AREAS OF LEARNING IN THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION
STAGE FRAMEWORK



**COMMUNICATION &
LANGUAGE**
LISTENING, ATTENTION
AND UNDERSTANDING,
AND SPEAKING



**PHYSICAL
DEVELOPMENT**
GROSS AND FINE MOTOR



**PERSONAL, SOCIAL
AND EMOTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**
MANAGING SELF, SELF-
REGULATION AND
BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS



**LITERACY
DEVELOPMENT**
COMPREHENSION, WORD
READING AND WRITING



**MATHEMATICAL
DEVELOPMENT**
NUMBER AND
NUMERICAL PATTERNS



**EXPRESSIVE ARTS
AND DESIGN**
CREATING WITH
MATERIALS AND BEING
IMAGINATIVE AND
EXPRESSIVE



**UNDERSTANDING THE
WORLD**
PAST AND PRESENT,
PEOPLE, CULTURES AND
COMMUNITIES, AND THE
NATURAL WORLD





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Indoor Environment



Our indoor environment is a big, open space which can be accessed by all nursery children. The designated areas support children's specific areas of learning, whilst keeping the prime areas of learning at the heart of the provision.

Prime areas: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design



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Outdoor Environment



Our outdoor environment has been designed to support all areas of learning. We have climbing, cycling, running and crawling apparatus to support gross motor skills. We have a construction area, outdoor kitchen, role play, bike track, climbing frame, sand pit and more!



School Uniform

Dowson branded navy jumper or cardigan

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White polo shirt—with the Dowson logo or plain

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Grey skirt/ pinafore dress/ trousers

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In the summer term, grey shorts or a blue and white checked dress are an optional alternative

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Plain white, black, grey or navy socks

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Plain grey black or navy tights

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Sensible black school shoes or shoe boots

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Navy Waterproofs and a pair of wellington boots to be kept in school for outdoor learning

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When Will My Child Start?

You will be given a personalised start date from school outlining our term dates for the year ahead.





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What Can I do to Prepare?

It would be very helpful for your child if they can complete the below tasks:

- Use the toilet independently and washing hands.
- Put on and take off their own coat and shoes.
- Say and recognise their first name.
- Play with other children and share possessions.
- Natural counting up to 5 ie. Steps/stairs, toys, objects etc.
- Be left with others happily.
- Communicate their needs.
- Respond to simple instructions.



Communication

Dowson Telephone Number- 01613660177

Website: <https://dowsonprimary.com/>

Facebook Group- Dowson Primary Academy Information

Instagram Page- dowson_primary

Email address- admin@dowsonprimary.com

Enquire Learning Trust: <https://enquirelearningtrust.org/>

