



BiggleswadeAcademy

The Early Years





The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and language;
- Physical development; and
- Personal, social and emotional development.

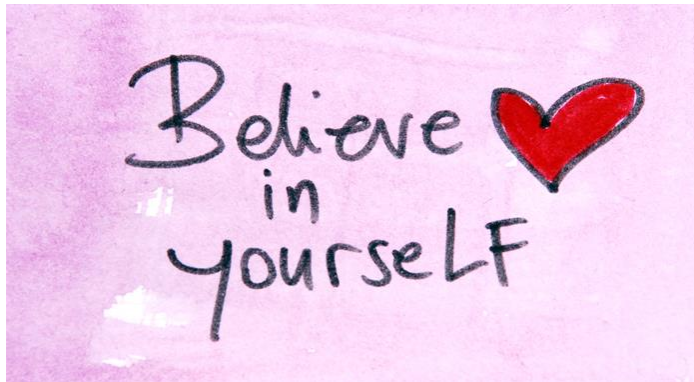
These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

- Literacy;
- Mathematics;
- Understanding the world; and
- Expressive arts and design.

Core vision



Behaviour

Safe, caring and positive

Is your behaviour safe?

Is it caring?

Is it positive?



Core values

- Tolerance
- Community
- Equality (including diversity)
- Respect (including courtesy)
- Resilience
- Forgiveness
- Honesty
- Pride
- Responsibility



As a mum or dad, how can I help with my child's learning?

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school.

What does 'school ready' really mean?

Children who:

- Have strong social skills
- Can cope emotionally with being separated from their parents
- Are relatively independent in their own personal care
- Have a curiosity about the world and a desire to learn



School readiness recipe

1kg – Fun and humour with a hint of cheekiness

2kg – How to get dressed and go to the loo

5kg – Good communication skills

1 dollop – willingness to try and curiosity to learn

4 tbsp – Following instructions and listening skills

Liberal pinch – creativity

Sprinkle on – self-regulation

Mix well and bake between the ages of 4 and 5 and enjoy!



Books that go home every week for you to share with your child

The books have been specifically bought for this project and we ask that they are looked after so children can keep on enjoying them week after week.

Tapestry online system



For those of you joining the academy we use an online learning journal to record the children's development.

Further information is available in the welcome pack or please ask staff

<https://tapestry.info>

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Biggleswade Academy Early Years

**Did you know we are on Facebook?
Please follow and find out what has
been going on**

Blossom Timings



Start of the day: 8.45am

End of session 1: 11.45pm

Lunch: 11.45am-12.30pm

Start of session 2: 12.30pm

End of the school day: 3.30pm

Dropping off and collection arrangements

For children being dropped off at the beginning of the school day you will enter through the school gates as the other parents do, you will then wait outside the double mobile.

Arrangements for collecting at the end of the school day will be as the morning.

For children finishing at 11.45am parents can collect from Blossom class through the gates leading out to the park (near the small park)

For children beginning their session at 12.30pm parents will access the Blossom class through the gates leading out to the park (near the small park)

School Uniform

There is no compulsory uniform for Academy Early Years children, however appropriate clothing and sensible shoes should be worn at all times.

Optional uniform - is available through website
Please ensure that all items of clothing are named
(including shoes)

Please also name book bags, cup, wellies,
and lunchbox



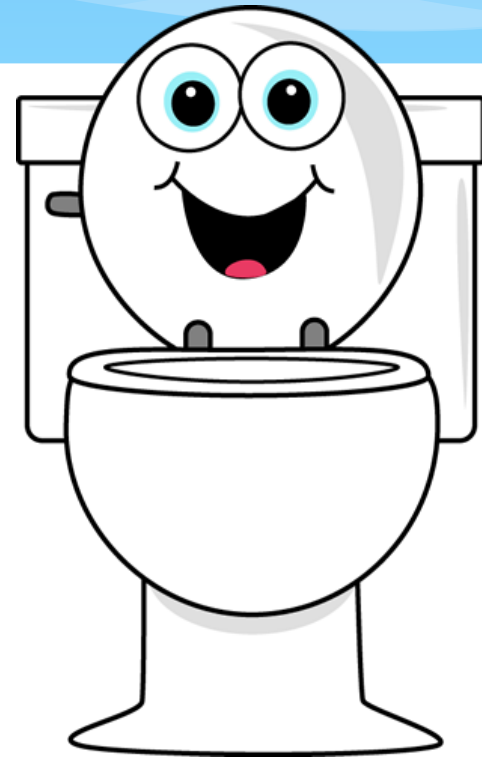


Sorry but I will get dirty at school!



Independence, toilet training

In preparation for reception the children are encouraged to be as independent as possible when using the toilet.



Items available via website

Academy jumpers

Academy cardigans

Book bags

Academy showerproof jacket

Academy polo shirts

(www.mapaconline.com)



What does my child need to bring?

Book bag

Water bottle Clear with sports cap

Wellies

Suitable outdoor coat

Fruit or vegetable snack (if they stay all day)

Please, please do name everything that comes into school



Drinks and Snacks



During each session the children will have the opportunity to stop for a drink and a snack

Milk is available and water for those children who do not like milk

All Children are asked to bring in a named bottle to school

Snacks brought into school must be either fruit or vegetables as we are part of the 'Healthy schools' scheme

As part of the five portions of fruit or vegetables emphasis, we have a piece of fruit or vegetable provided for every child each day

This is in addition to the snack which the children are asked to bring in for their own snack.

Lunch time (for those staying all day)

If your child is staying all day an additional cost will be invoiced which is £3.45 to cover the time between sessions (45mins)

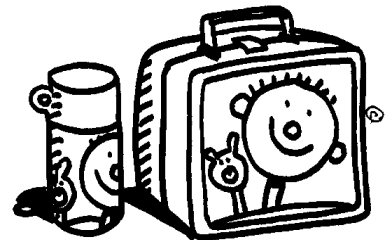
There are various options for lunch time.

Bring own packed lunch

Or have a school lunch £2.30. The children can choose from a range of items including a traditional lunch, a pasta option or jacket potato.

We are now operating a cashless system if you do want have a school lunch. Information packs available.

Further information can be found on our website.





PTFA



□ How You Can Help

No matter how much or how little time you can spare, we would like to hear from you. Whether you:

can help out for a few hours at one event per year;

would like to join the team which makes decisions on which events to hold, when and what the money should be raised for;

would just like to do a few jobs at home in your spare time;

or anything in between ...

We would appreciate any help you can offer!

Please contact us:

ptfa@biggleswadeacademy.org

Or visit our Facebook page: **Biggleswade Academy PTFA**

We have funded or helped to fund:

- Vices for the workshop
- Assistance with the ski trip
- Assistance with *The Wizard of Oz* theatre production for KS2
- Coach for the Year 8 trip to the Careers Exhibition
- ICT equipment for Reception
- Year 7's Past Alive workshop
- Subscription to *The Day* website for topical current affairs
- 2 Sets of 30 android tablets for use across the Academy
- Christmas tree for Africa site
- Assistance with the Year 3 Faith Trip
- Scooter storage equipment in both Africa and Europe
- Megaphones for the PE department
- Lunch play equipment for Europe site (footballs, basketballs and a pogo jumper)
- Assistance with Year 5 African Drumming workshop
- Jump leads for the minibs
- Happy Families book sets for Year 2
- Year 8 leavers' autograph book
- Year 8 leavers' Prom

Agreed funding for next year:

- Lunch play equipment for Africa site

Arrangements for starting in April 2020



Home visits (due to restrictions a decision regarding these will be made nearer the time)

All children start from Tuesday 21st April

Staff from blossom are already visiting the preschool to meet the children and chat to staff

The children are already visiting the blossom classroom

Questions?



- If you do have any questions then please do ask.
- If you think of a question after reading this PowerPoint then please contact the school before the end of the term.

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