

June 2022

Dear parents & carers,

As we approach the end of the academy year, we celebrate together, share achievements and reflect on the year. We have planned opportunities such as: sporting events, art events as well as the return of 'Celebrating Together' sessions. At the end of the term, we will be sending home your child's 'End of Year Reflection Reports'. These reports will include reflections of the year, from both teachers and children, and information on attainment and attendance.

Celebrating together Tuesday – 12th July

When: 3.20pm – 4.00pm

On Tuesday 12th July, after usual pick up routines we would like to invite you to come in and look at your child's work.

At 3.20pm, your child can escort you to their current classroom to show you work that they are proud of. Their current teacher will also be there to support and share. Should you have children in multiple year groups you are of course, welcome to visit more than one room. The session will run until 4:00pm. Staff will be to hand to guide you.

At this time of the year, we facilitate transition and believe it is an important part of moving on to the next stage of our learning journey. We know this can be an exciting time for most, but can also cause worry for some. In response, we wanted to share information ahead so that you can have transition talks at home too. Sessions are being planned to support in-school transition as well as preparing children to be secondary ready.

When will transition within the Academy take place?

Meet your new teacher – Friday 8th July

The children will meet their new teachers on Friday 8th July. They will come into school as usual. They will register in their current classroom ahead of moving to their new classroom for a shared session with their new class teacher/s, LSA and classmates. They will enjoy activities and discussions together, with a focus on their future curriculum and the learning and life skill – 'Knowing me, Knowing you'. Should you wish to look at examples of the curriculum in your child's year group, please visit the website to view our curriculum overviews. In addition to your child meeting their new teacher, you will also receive a letter informing you of your child's new teacher. However, we know that placing a face to a name and having the chance to meet your child's new teacher is welcomed and with Covid restrictions lifted, this year, we are delighted to provide an opportunity for this. More details regarding September arrangements for your child's new class will be shared in due course.

Will there be a chance for Parents and Carers to meet the teachers?

Meet and Greet session - Friday 15th July

When: 3.20pm – 3.45pm

On Friday 15th July, you are invited to meet your child's new teacher. The end of day routines will remain the same with children meeting parents in their current locations and gates. Once handover has taken place we will ask parents and children to walk to their designated playgrounds to meet the new teachers between 3.20pm and 3.45pm allowing staff, parents and carers to say hello

Which locations?

- **September's EYFS** (Reception) teachers will be on the small playground by the brook.
- **September's KS1** (year one and two) teachers will be on the sports playground where the current parents collect their children each day, via the side gate.
- **LKS2** teachers will be on the small playground and access will be from the main gate.
- **UPKS2** teachers will be on the main playground and access will be from the side gate.

We will have staff to aid you.

Should you later wish to have additional time with a teacher or member of the pastoral team, we can arrange this. Please send your request via the office at generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk with the subject: meet the teacher

Other key information for year six transition to secondary

Transition dates for most Southend schools is Friday 1st July. Your child's new secondary school will have contacted you directly about these days, but as a general rule, children are expected to attend in their primary school uniform and will not be expected at Darlinghurst on the day of their secondary school transition.

As the term draws to an end, we have a number of year six activities and traditions that take place to celebrate their final weeks at primary school. This includes the Leavers Assembly.

Leavers Assembly:

When: Thursday 21st July at 9:30am

Further information will be communicated via ping.

Secondary Admissions for Year 5

Parents and carers of children in year 5 should now begin considering which secondary schools they will apply for in September 2023. The Secondary School Admissions Booklet for Southend-on-Sea will be available on the Council website from July and will give you all the details needed to apply. Applications can be made between 1 September 2022 and 31 October 2022. You are invited to a Secondary School Admissions Information event, online, on Tuesday 27th September at 5pm (register on the Council's Website): www.southend.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/3

Induction information for new reception starters

Starting school is a special milestone and we plan and provide 'come and play' sessions, induction meetings and staggered start dates to ensure a positive induction to school. Our induction process has already begun with communication via email and post including videos and postcards to our new children.

Come and play sessions

Wednesday 22nd June – 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Friday 24th June – 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Wednesday 29th June – 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Reception parent and child induction meeting

Friday 1st July – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

New Reception 'Come and play' pre-school Saturday session

Saturday 16th July

New Reception staggered start dates

Thursday 1st September

Monday 5th September

Wednesday 7th September

2022 – 2023 Academy re-opening date for Nursery, KS1 & KS2

Thursday 1st September

Induction - Shaping the Future

Across the Legra Trust, Darlinghurst and Belfairs Academy host an annual Shaping the Future event. This is part of induction into main stream. At Darlinghurst, children moving to Year 1 engage in a special ceremony alongside children who joined KS1 and KS2 within the last academic year. Parents will be sent invitations to attend the ceremony and watch the induction. Save the date - 16th September 2022 (the ceremonies will be hosted during the morning). This event is enjoyed by all, as children participate in activities alongside other children within their phase and houses.

Kind regards,



Mrs Nicholls
Principal