



Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Autumn 1 2024

Attendance

“Attend today. Achieve tomorrow.”

We like to begin the year by reminding everyone how important attendance is. It has a hugely positive impact on your child.

Attending school regularly helps children in many ways including;

- Establishing routines
- Developing their social and emotional skills
- Developing independence
- Developing communication
- Supporting pupils to be resilient and confident

These are all things that enable children to be happy and to thrive. We wish to work with you to ensure your child reaches their full potential. **This can be achieved by ensuring your child comes to school every day.**

As you know the Department for Education (DFE) brought in new attendance guidelines which came into effect on 19th August 2024 and apply to all schools.

Changes to School Penalty Notice Fines:

- A penalty notice will be given if a student has 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absences within any 10-week school period. These can be from different terms or years.
- Unauthorised absences include holidays as we cannot authorise a term time holiday (even if you have submitted a Leave of Absence request form)



For more information about how we support good attendance, please see our website <https://www.discoveryspecialacademy.org.uk/attendance/>

If we can support you in any way, please contact the academy to speak to one of the pastoral team:

Cheryl Arkle, Andrew Wilkinson , Sian Lamb and Donna Cattermole
on 01642 248333.

Building update

We are very pleased to say that the building is still on track to be completed mid October.

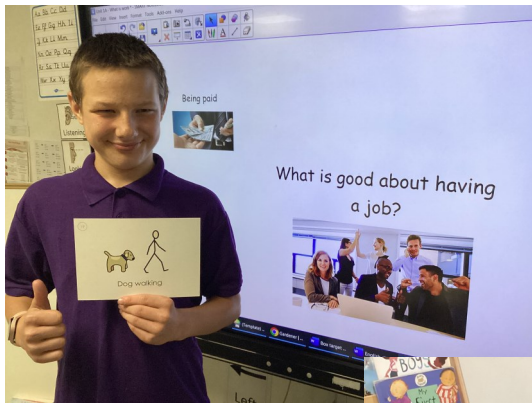
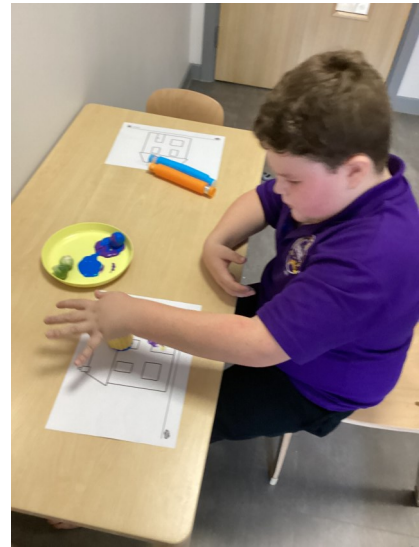
We wrote recently to let you know that we would have 2 **PD days on Monday 14th And Tuesday 15th October** so that we can get the new building set up and ready for pupils to start on Wednesday 16th.

This will be a great end to the first half term and will mean we can celebrate everyone being on one site before the half term holiday

Here are a few pictures of recent works, there are lots more on our website. As well as a short video of the units being installed:

<https://www.discoveryspecialacademy.org.uk/discovery-extension-development/>





Discovery 'Farm'

We are delighted to announce we have rescued our first group of hens on the 'farm'. They have settled in very well and are definitely happy with their new home and surroundings.

We hope the children can start to get up close and personal with the hens as soon as they have returned their consent letters.



Remember, there is lots of information on our website including more fabulous galleries, all of our letters, information about the curriculum and much more.



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