



Bishop Alexander Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Welcome to Nursery



Information Booklet

Welcome

Welcome to the Nursery Class. We are delighted to be welcoming you into Acorns. Mr Charlesworth will be your class teacher. We aim to make the transition into part-time education as smooth as possible.

The aim of this booklet is to help you and your child prepare for the transition and give you as much information as possible. If there is anything else that you are unsure about or want to ask, please just let us know – information about how to contact us is available at the end of the booklet.

Pegs

All children in Acorns have their own peg where they can keep their coats and book bags. It will have their photo and name to support them to use them independently. Please try not to send your child with favourite toys from home; they can very easily get lost.



Morning Routine

Before school starts, the children meet at the external entrance to the school's Foundation Stage, until an adult opens up. We ask that you wait with your child, support them to find their peg and ensure they come into the classroom as independently as possible at 8.40am (morning Acorns) and 12.25pm (afternoon Acorns), when their teacher greets them. Very rarely, children get upset at leaving their parents or carers. If this is the case, they usually settle very quickly. Ideally,

try to leave them with us. We appreciate this can be unsettling for you, but if they do not settle for whatever reason, we will contact you.

Fruit and Milk

All children in Acorns are provided with free fruit as a snack every day. This is usually accessed during learning activities. If you would like your child to have free milk (up to the age of 5 years old) you can register at www.coolmilk.co.uk and it will be delivered every day to school.

Water Bottles

We encourage the children to have regular drinks of water throughout the day. Please make sure that your child brings their own water bottle (no



juice) to school, labelled with their name. Your child can take it home every day and fill it up.

End of the Day Routine

School finishes at 11.45am (morning Acorns) and 3.30pm (afternoon Acorns). The gate to the outside area will be opened by a member of staff and you can wait for your child to be called. This is obviously a busy time of the day and we ask that you wait for us to see each child out individually. It may take a little time for us to recognise each of you, so please bear with us! If you need to discuss something, we ask that you email firstly (as indicated at the end of the booklet), or if the matter is of significant urgency, please wait until all the children have left so that we can ensure that all children have been passed over to their adults and we can give you our full attention.

Reading

In Acorns, your child will take a book home from school, which you can read to them. Please bring your book bag every day.



Please share a book for approximately 10 minutes every day. This makes a relaxing bedtime routine.

Home Learning

At the start of each term, your child will bring home a home learning grid with a range of activities to complete. You should do one a week, due in on a Friday. You can make a comment and share a picture about your child's learning activities on Tapestry.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry as a part of assessing and documenting your child's learning and progress. You will receive notifications when new learning has been posted. There will be opportunities for you to upload photos of your child's learning and interests when they are out of school.

What Your Child Should Wear in Acorns

It is expected that your child wears school uniform and school shoes when they are at school:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt
- Blue or white polo shirt
- School jumper or cardigan/navy jumper or cardigan
- Black school shoes
- Blue checked summer dress

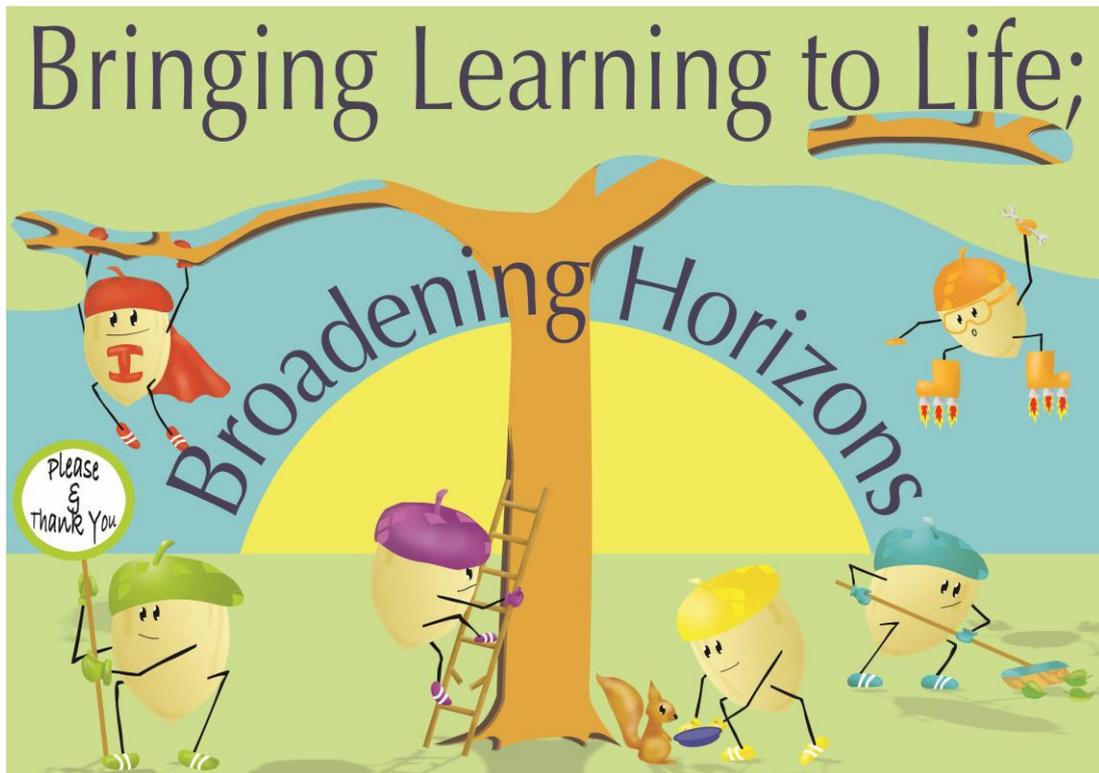
Please see our school website (transition section for parents) for further school uniform details, including photos. <http://www.bishopalexanderacademy.co.uk>

Forest Friends

Your child must bring a name-labelled all-weather suit (available from all good retailers). Also, depending on the time of year, you should provide additional clothing, including an extra pair of socks, extra layer of leggings/tights (to keep warm), a hat and waterproof gloves.

We encourage the children to be prepared for the outdoors, whatever the weather. Your child is likely to get very muddy!

Our Values



Aspiration

Care

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

How Can You Help Your Child?

There are many ways you can help your child to feel settled and confident at school to make sure that they learn to the best of their ability.

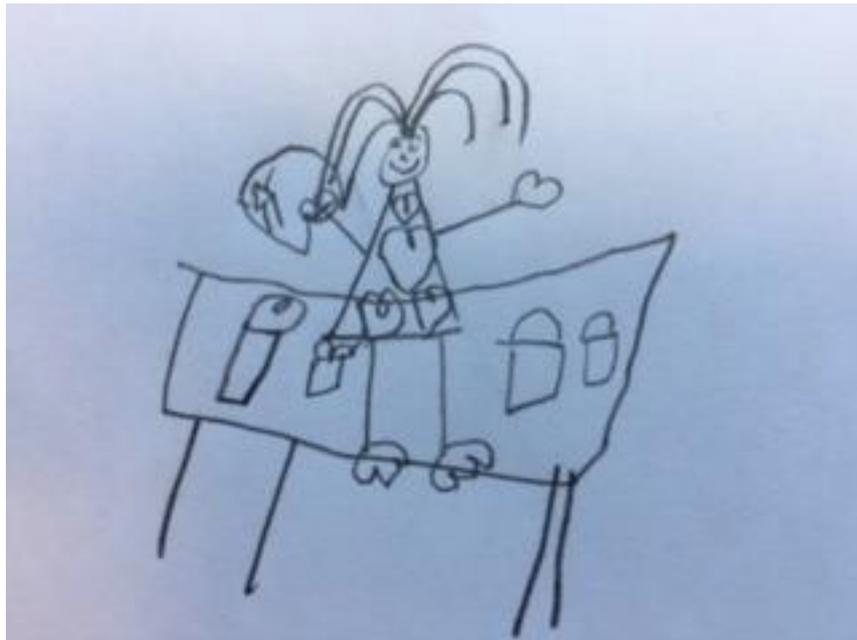
- Make sure your child sleeps well and has a nourishing breakfast/lunch and drink before school each day.
- Encourage your child to independently use the toilet and wash their hands.
- Encourage your child to dress him/herself. Start with them putting on their own coat and shoes.
- If your child still uses a dummy, please let us know, as we may be able to support you.
- Talk to your child about what they did at school. What did they enjoy? Who did they play with?
- Play board games and join in your child's play.
- Give your child the opportunity to play outside, run around, ride their bike etc.

Let us know if you have any concerns, however minor

– contact: help1@bishopalexanderacademy.co.uk

- Share books with your child.

- Take opportunities to spot numbers, words and letters in different places in your house/on a walk etc.
- Help them to be independent by looking after their own things, tidying up their toys, helping you around the home.
- Ensure all their uniform and things, which they have in school, are named.



We hope this booklet has answered any questions you may have had. If you have anything else you would like to know about your child's learning, please contact the 'help' account email below. Your questions will be answered by a member of the team, and we aim to reply within 24 hours of receiving the email.

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We look forward to seeing you.

We can't wait to share every step of your child's learning journey with you, throughout their time with us, at Bishop Alexander...