



Samuel
Barlow
Primary Academy



Academy prospectus



Diverse Academies
Learning Partnership

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Thank you for choosing to find out more about our academy. Here at Samuel Barlow there is a wonderful family-feel and there is always plenty happening. We hope our prospectus gives you a flavour of how we can support and develop your child.

All pupils are given the best opportunity to achieve their potential and we encourage every child to have high aspirations. We engage and enthuse young minds with a vibrant approach to teaching, and aim to remove any barriers to reaching for strong academic success and personal development. Primary education is a crucial phase of a child's learning and our staff team work hard to ensure children get a great start to their schooling.

I look forward to meeting you and supporting all of our children during their time at the academy.



Cat Thornton
Executive principal

Welcome to Samuel Barlow Primary Academy

Situated in the ex-mining community in Clipstone, the academy has a long history since first opening its doors in 1924 to children in the local area.

Our vision is for all pupils to have great opportunities to develop, achieve and enjoy their education. We will achieve this through providing a wide, balanced and interesting curriculum, engaging pupils through great teaching and ensuring that we provide appropriate support for all.

Celebrating diversity, recognising difference and supporting children to understand their place in the community is embraced within the academy, together with embedding British values within our curriculum.

The future for all pupils who attend Samuel Barlow Primary is bright. We want our children to aspire to be the very best that they can be – our staff will support all pupils to reach for their goals.

It is also very important to us to work closely with our local community. We engage with parents, guardians, local businesses and the public by offering regular opportunities to find out about what we are doing within the academy, including news updates through our website and open days throughout the year.

We look forward to meeting you.



Melanie Brown
Principal

Our vision and mission

There is a sense of family and community at Samuel Barlow, and we are extremely proud of our children and the staff who work here.

We have a strong set of values and extremely high aspirations for every member of our learning community from 4 to 11 years.

Staff are committed to the development of all children at the academy. They are proud to work in an exciting, progressive environment and seeing our pupils develop.

Our leadership team, including our executive principal, support the principal and staff team to continually develop our curriculum, our teaching methods and ensure that every child at the academy has the best possible learning experiences and preparation for moving into secondary education.



We want every child that comes to the academy to be successful and become functioning members of society as they develop into adulthood. Primary education is the springboard to that success, and we work very hard to raise aspirations, provide quality education and opportunities, together with embedding important social values at an early stage of life.

We have clear expectations around behaviour and attendance that are in place to support learning and development. Our pupils develop a sense of responsibility and self-control, and are encouraged to treat each other with courtesy and respect. We reward good behaviour and where a pupil is not meeting the standards expected, we will work with the individual and their parents to find a positive solution.

We have a minimum target of 97% attendance for all pupils and closely monitor this to ensure that children are not missing out on their education.

A key element for pupils' success is the partnership between home and the academy. We communicate with parents through parents' evenings, reports and formal meetings about progress. We welcome parents getting in touch with any issues that need resolving and also when things have gone particularly well for their son/daughter. We also actively encourage families to get involved with pupils' home studies and ensure that children complete this work, as it is vital for their ongoing development and progress.



Our vision is to provide a happy, safe, caring and stimulating environment where pupils will achieve their fullest potential, so that they can make their best contribution to society. Samuel Barlow is a place where:

- | everybody is welcomed
- | we recognise and celebrate diversity
- | we care for everyone and everything around us
- | we have high standards of learning and celebrate achievement
- | we value the partnership between our pupils, parents, the community and the academy

Curriculum and support

We provide a wide range of exciting learning opportunities that are relevant and engaging for all pupils. We have a strong emphasis on teaching core skills, especially speaking, reading, writing and maths.

The curriculum is adapted during the year to suit the educational needs of all children. A range of educational visits, invited visitors to the academy, themed days, special projects and workshops extends pupils' learning.

Our curriculum will lead to successful pupils with:

- | enthusiasm and motivation for learning
- | determination to reach high standards of achievement
- | openness to new thinking and ideas
- | secure values and beliefs
- | a sense of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- | self-respect



Our curriculum covers

- | English | writing | phonics
- | reading | maths | science
- | history | geography | art | music
- | physical education (including swimming lessons)
- | personal development
- | communication
- | physical and emotional wellbeing
- | world knowledge

Personal development is a key focus in the academy, and through the curriculum, pupils gain core skills such as working with others, investigating problems, predicting, making choices, organising and taking responsibility for their work.



Support and guidance

Pupils are supported by their teacher and a number of teaching assistants within their classes. All staff are qualified to lead and/or assist with lessons, together with providing appropriate social and emotional support.

We aim to meet the individual needs of all pupils, including providing challenge and encouragement to gifted children, giving guidance to those children who may have trouble with learning, and providing specific support to those with special educational needs. We individually assess the needs of all pupils, and ensure support is given on a one-to-one basis or in groups where appropriate.

Children with a particular physical need will also receive help from the local authority's special needs support services.



A day at the academy

Our academy starts at 9am and pupils have six classroom lessons during the day. There is a morning break and a staggered lunchtime to ensure all pupils are able to eat in comfort and with friends from their year group. The day ends at 3.30pm when parents and carers can collect their children from designated doors.

9am

Academy day begins

Doors open from 8.40am and close at 9am, when our academy day begins.

10.30-10.45am

Break time for all children

Pupils have a morning break. There is a large playground, multi-use games area, and a large field that allow children to get some fresh air, spend time with friends and develop through these interactions. All playtimes are supervised by staff.

12 noon – 1pm

Lunch time

Reception and key stage 1 children have their lunch from 12-12.30pm, at which time the key stage 2 children are playing outside. From 12.30-1pm this swaps around, with our key stage 2 children eating lunch whilst the key stage 1 and foundation pupils play outside.

Children can either bring a healthy packed lunch or choose from our academy meals - these are prepared on site and paid for in advance. We use a cashless system for payment of meals called 'Squid' – details of this will be provided if your son/daughter is successful in applying for a place at the academy.

A wide range of playground games are played during lunchtimes, and our staff oversee these activities to ensure all children are safe and happy.

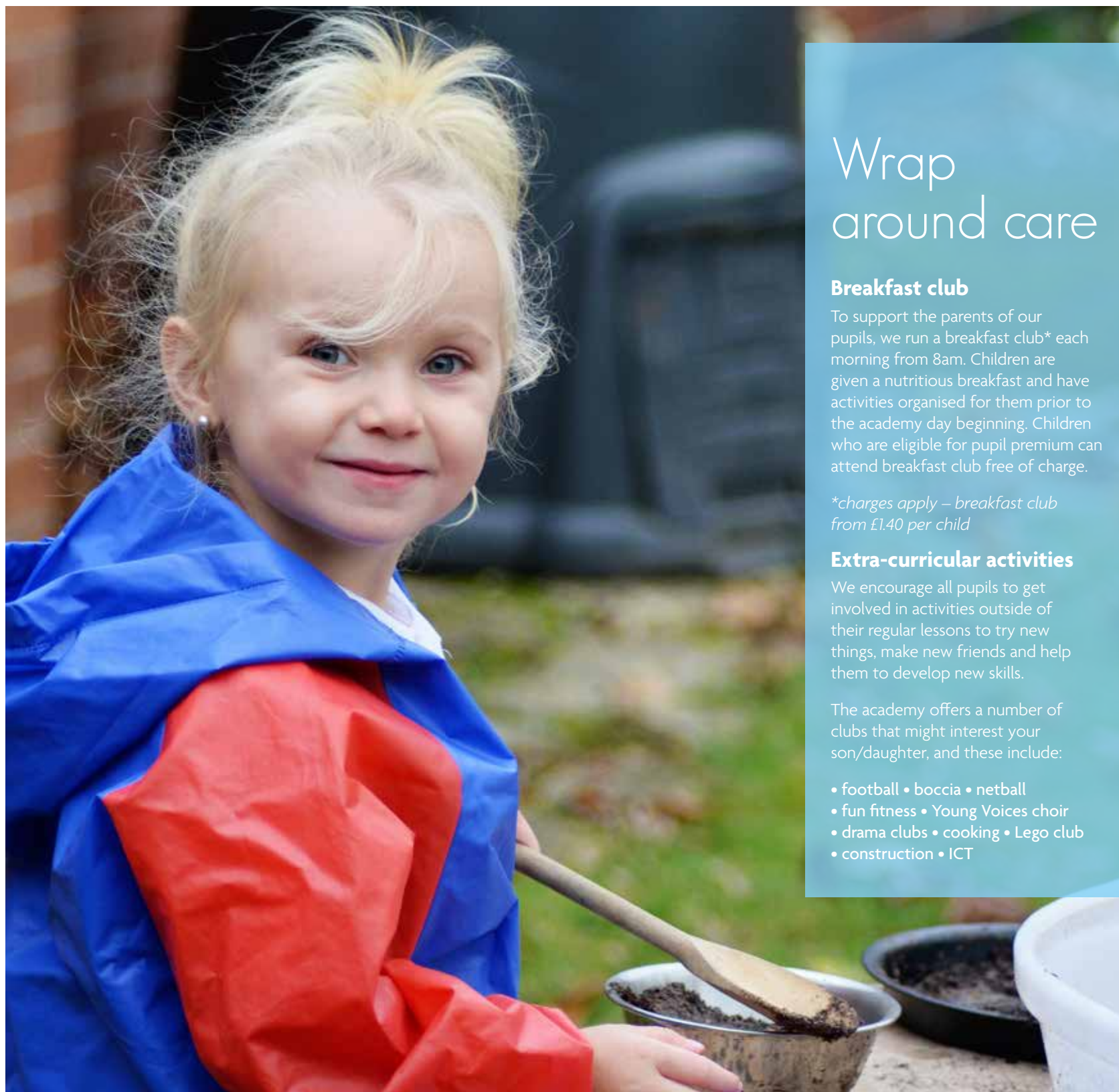
2.10-
2.25pm

Break time for all children

3.30pm

End of the academy day

Staff see out pupils at the end of the day, unless children are attending one of our wide range of after-school clubs.



Wrap around care

Breakfast club

To support the parents of our pupils, we run a breakfast club* each morning from 8am. Children are given a nutritious breakfast and have activities organised for them prior to the academy day beginning. Children who are eligible for pupil premium can attend breakfast club free of charge.

**charges apply – breakfast club from £1.40 per child*

Extra-curricular activities

We encourage all pupils to get involved in activities outside of their regular lessons to try new things, make new friends and help them to develop new skills.

The academy offers a number of clubs that might interest your son/daughter, and these include:

- football • bocchia • netball
- fun fitness • Young Voices choir
- drama clubs • cooking • Lego club
- construction • ICT

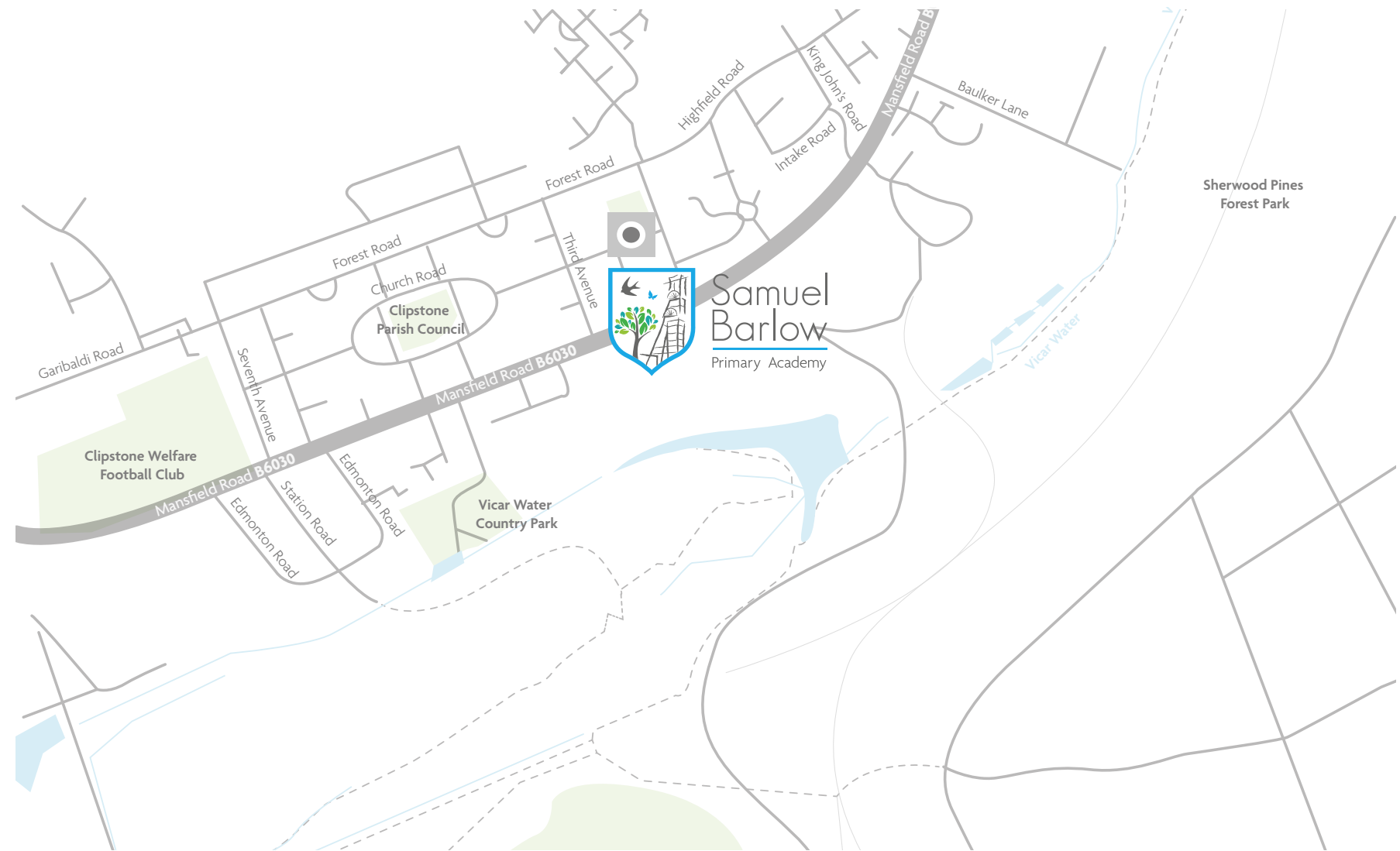
Admissions

Every year at Samuel Barlow we welcome a number of excited children into our academy community as they begin their educational journey. This is also an exciting but important time for families and we hope to provide as much information as possible for you to be able to make the right choice.

We offer term-time tours of our fabulous facilities allowing parents and carers the chance to speak with our staff, and to find out what life at Samuel Barlow is like on a normal day at the academy. Call our office team on **01623 479033** to book your personal tour.

We also hold open evenings and community events throughout the year to give further opportunities to visit. Keep an eye on our website for details of when these events take place.

Nottinghamshire County Council administers our admissions process. If you are interested in applying for a place, visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions for more information.



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Diverse Academies Learning Partnership

Samuel Barlow Primary Academy is part of the Diverse Academies Learning Partnership – a group of academies committed to the development and improvement of schools through collaboration and partnership. Our core focus is the achievement and development of each individual pupil. We have an established framework of core principles and practice to which all academies subscribe, whilst maintaining and developing each academy's unique identity and individual characteristics.

For more information, visit www.dalp.org.uk



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