



Samuel
Barlow

Primary Academy

Welcome to Samuel Barlow Primary Academy

Foundation Stage 1 - Nursery



Introduction

We have great pleasure in welcoming you to Samuel Barlow Primary Academy. This booklet has been produced in order to give as much information as possible to you and your child about taking this next big step in starting school. We work hard to ensure all our children have a safe, caring and happy environment in which to learn. Just like you, we want your children to enjoy their time with us and make the most of every minute. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or give the office a call.

Our Academy Values

- We are caring
- We are respectful
- We are responsible
- We strive to succeed

Nursery Teachers

Gold Class - Miss Sarah Prosolek

Mrs Michaela Ledsham is our Early Years Lead

Nursery Times – due to COVID19 timings are subject to change

Monday to Friday



- Morning session: 8:50am – 11:50pm
- Afternoon session: 12:30pm – 3:30pm (Doors open 3.20pm)

Arrival

Please say your goodbyes outside the Nursery class door and then support your child to enter the building where there will always be a member of staff available to greet them. Please ensure that you arrive on time as attendance and late arrivals disrupt a positive start and end to your children's day.

Collection

Doors will open again at **3:20pm** for you to collect your child. We ask that you are patient and work with us and every other family so that we can ensure we safely reunite children with their families.

For safety reasons, children must be brought and collected from the academy by a person over the age of 18 years old and we need to have their details as contacts.

Please tell us if someone different will be collecting your child or if you are going to be late for any reason. You can call us in the academy office or let your child's class teacher know via ClassDojo.

30 Hours Additional Funding

If you go to work, your child may be entitled to free, 30 hours worth of childcare in Nursery which means they would attend all day, 5 days a week. To check if your child is eligible for this use the link here <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> where you will be given a 30hrs code. Please then contact us to share the code.

Lunchtimes

If your child is staying all day, you may pay for an academy lunch using our online payment system (sQuid) or you will need to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch. To set up your sQuid account, please see a member of our office staff who will be happy to help you.

Attendance

Good attendance is of vital importance to ensure that a child receives a good education. We celebrate excellent attendance. Our school target is 97%.

Health & Safety

We care very much about the health and welfare of each child. Children are encouraged to value themselves as individuals and to become aware of the needs of others.

In the case of an accident or illness, a parent will be contacted and your child will also be seen by a staff member who has received certified First Aid training.

We do not administer medicines to children but if your child requires an inhaler or other emergency treatment due to allergies, please bring this to the academy office and a trained member of staff will be able to ensure we have written consent from you before administration of any prescribed medicine. Please contact the Academy office for further information. Please do not send your child with any over the counter bought medicines e.g. cough sweets or creams. If in any doubt always ask a member of staff.

Sickness

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea during the night you should not bring them to the academy until 48 hours has passed since they were last ill. This is to prevent the rapid spread of any infection and follows Public Health England's guidelines.

If your child is unwell and the illness is infectious, then we ask that you consult your family doctor before bringing your child back to our academy. Please keep us informed by calling the academy office.

It is your responsibility to check your child's hair regularly for head lice as we do not have academy staff to do this. Coming through wet hair covered in conditioner is advised – please see the NHS website for more information. If your child has head lice we ask that you treat your child straight away. Please do let us know as we can alert other families and ensure everyone is sent a reminder to check for the same problem.

Sun Protection



Appropriate clothing should be worn by the children and families are asked to apply an 'all day' sunscreen to their children before the academy day begins during the summer term. The children will need a hat when it is warm and sunny to enable them to play outside safely

Water Bottles



Your child needs to bring their own water bottle from home to drink from. All water bottles should only contain water and need to have a sports top. This will be freely available for them to access during the day. As with anything from home please make sure this is labelled with your child's full name to prevent it being misplaced.



Fruit and Milk

All children receive fruit each day and this is available to them throughout every session. Nursery children receive free school milk until they are 5, after which a small charge applies. To register your child for their free milk, please visit www.coolmilk.com and follow the instructions. Please let us know if your child has food intolerance including dairy.

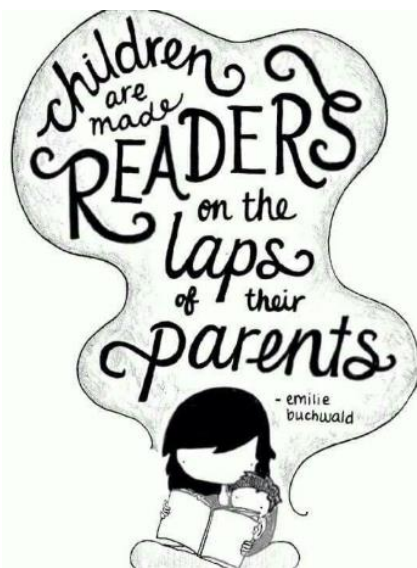
Behaviour

We believe that all children should be able to enjoy and participate in the learning opportunities provided within a safe and caring environment. We show the children how to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

If your child has any behaviour difficulties, we will inform you and work with you to overcome them.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their uniform which consists of black trousers/skirt/dress, black school shoes, white polo shirt or shirt and navy blue jumper or cardigan. Jumpers and cardigans with an academy logo can be purchased online at Price & Buckland.



Reading

To your children, no one will be as good as you are at enjoying books with them. Sharing books with your child is the most valuable and important way in which you can support your child. Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what is printed on the page. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read.

Adults will share stories during every day in Nursery. The book corner in their classroom is a special place where children can go to look at books during free activity time. As well as reading books with their teacher, children will bring books home with a reading diary for you to write in too.

Phonics

In our academy, we use Read Write Inc. to grow children's vocabulary through role-play, discussion, building sentences and questioning. We place a huge emphasis on nurturing children's love of reading through story and poetry times whilst developing vital attention and listening skills. As they become ready, children learn to say the sounds of letters and for each one they will learn the shape of the letter and a picture and phrase to help them remember it. Children will start to blend the sounds into words and read simple 'blending books' and this gives them a flying start before going into the Reception class.

Writing

Children love to make marks! At Nursery, children are encouraged to write their own first name and then surname. We also teach children how to form letters correctly as they learn letter sounds. A wide variety of activities, such as threading, finger-painting and play dough, will support the development of their fine motor skills ready for writing in Reception.

Maths

Your child will have the opportunity to discover many mathematical activities. Maths is an exciting way to explore the world as it involves lots of practical activities such as counting, measuring, weighing, looking at shapes and making models.

PE Kit

Nursery children do not need a PE kit. We do lots of active things inside and out that can be done in their normal school uniform.

Here is a selection of fun activities that your child can look forward to when they join us!



We look forward to welcoming you to our Academy.