



Biscovey Academy

Head of School: Mr J Tyers

Dear Parents/ Careers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break filled with joy and relaxation and are ready to tackle whatever the Spring term has to offer us. As we embark on this new term, we are excited to introduce our value of the term: **Empathy**.

At Biscovey we believe empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. We believe it allows us to connect with those around us, fostering kindness and compassion within our community. This term, we will encourage our pupils to demonstrate empathy in various ways, such as:

- **Listening Actively:** Taking the time to listen to their peers and understand different perspectives.
- **Offering Support:** Helping classmates who may be struggling or feeling down.
- **Practising Kindness:** Engaging in acts of kindness, whether big or small, to uplift others.

By nurturing empathy, we aim to create a supportive environment where every pupil feels valued and understood, skills which we want every one of our pupils to share with the world.

Changes to Homework Expectations:

We would also like to inform you about some changes to our homework expectations this term. For pupils in **Years 3 to 5**, the primary homework expectations will be:

- **Daily Reading:** Children are encouraged to read at home every day.
- **Times Table Rockstars:** Daily practice to strengthen their multiplication skills.
- **Spelling Practice:** Regular practice of their spellings.

In addition to these core activities, each year group will continue to be provided with a homework menu linked to this term's topic. This optional homework will be celebrated on our social media platforms and praised in class, although no formal feedback will be given by class teachers.

For our **Year 6 pupils**, expectations will be slightly different as we prepare them for the next phase of their education. Year 6 pupils will be expected to:

- **Read Daily:** Continuing to develop their reading skills.
- **Complete Times Table Rockstars Daily:** To reinforce their multiplication knowledge.

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- **Practice Spellings Daily:** To enhance their spelling abilities.
- **Complete Set Pages in CPG Books:** Focusing on SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar), arithmetic, and reading.

We believe these adjustments will help our pupils focus on essential skills while still providing opportunities for creativity and exploration through optional homework.

Uniform reminders:

As we begin a new term, it is important to re-share our expectations around uniform in line with our school's uniform policy.

| <u>Daily School Uniform</u> | <u>P.E. Kit</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White shirt.• Clip on school tie.• Navy blue logoed jumper.• Black formal trousers/formal shorts/skirt.• Black smart school shoes.• Plain white/black socks. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sky blue logoed t-shirt.• Navy blue logoed hoody.• Black shorts.• Spare socks (in case of wet feet on field)• Trainers.• Plain black tracksuit trousers for outside P.E. in winter. <p><i>n.b. under armour/similar should not be worn for P.E.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Jewellery/Make Up:</u></p> <p>Jewellery should not be worn in school, with the exception of one studded earring per ear. Make up/nail varnish should also not be worn.</p> <p><u>Hair:</u></p> <p>Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment. Extreme hairstyles which are not permitted would include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes.</p> <p><u>Watches:</u></p> | |

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Watches are allowed, though 'smart' watches with the ability to message/photograph/etc. should not be worn. Watches will need to be removed for P.E. lessons. (The above is all taken from the agreed uniform policy).

Nut FREE school:

At Biscovey Academy, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our pupils, especially those with nut allergies. As part of this commitment, we operate as a **nut-free school**. This means that we kindly ask all parents and guardians to refrain from sending any food items containing nuts in their child's lunchboxes or snacks. By working together to maintain a nut-free environment, we can help prevent allergic reactions and create a safe space for all pupils to enjoy their meals without worry. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead filled with learning and growth.

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