



Ocean Academy Poole
an Aspirations Academy

Welcome to Ocean Academy





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We warmly welcome you to Ocean Academy and look forward to your child starting with us on 4th September 2023



Your child's first day:

- Please arrive at **9:00am** on this day to allow for a smooth and quiet transition into school.
- Your child should come to school in full uniform.
- Your child will **not** need their PE kit on their first day.
- Please remember that there is ***NO PARKING on site*** unless you have a disability badge. There are spaces to park in nearby roads but please do NOT park in Jellicoe close as this is for ***residents only***.
- Enter the school grounds via the front gates (Constitution Hill Road) and staff will be on hand to direct you.
- Your child will need a named water bottle, named coat, named lunchbox (or pre-ordered hot meal) and their named book bag or small backpack. They do not need to bring any stationery as we provide everything they need.
- You should pick up your child at 3.20pm from their classroom at the rear of the academy. Both the front and back school gates are open at the end of each day. There is no parking on site unless you have a disability badge.



After the first day:

- Your child will continue to come into school through the pupil entrance door (Constitution Hill Road entrance).
- Your child can come into school anytime between 8.30am and 9:00am. Learning activities are provided from 8:30am.
- We run a 'drop-off zone' between 8:30am - 9:00am where parents can drive into the car park and stop briefly to drop their child/ren off.
- Collection is from the classroom doors on the back playground. Both the front and back school gates are open on Constitution Hill Road and Ringwood Road at the end of each day.
- Please ensure that you complete and return the 'end of day form' with your child's home time arrangements so that teachers know who your child can be collected by. Please hand this into the school office as we will not release your child at the end of the day if we are not sure who has permission to collect them.
- The PE day will be shared with you in the first week of school.



House Teams: Poole = Red, Weymouth = Blue, Bournemouth = Yellow, Swanage = Green

A typical day in Year 3...

08:30 - 09:00: Welcome Learning activities. Register at 9:00am.

09:00 - 10:10: English learning.

10:10 - 10:20: Snack in class.

10:20 - 10:40: Play time.

10:40 - 11:00: Arithmetic/mental maths.

11:00 - 12:00: Maths learning.

12:00 - 12:25: Eating lunch.

12:25 - 12:50: Lunch play time.

12:50 - 13:10: Reading.

13:10 - 14:40: Afternoon learning.

(PE, creative, science/topic, PSHE, MFL, computing...)

14:40 - 15:00: Assembly.

15:00 - 15:20: Story time before collection.

- Homework will consist of an English task or a maths task and a spelling list of 10 words that will be tested the following week. Homework will be given out weekly on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday every week.
- Daily reading at home is expected. Your child will come home with a reading book and a library book.
- Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on their PE day. The children get changed after lunch and then come home in their PE kit. Extra practice at home to ensure that your child can change quickly and independently would be a great help.



Our Guiding Principles



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ASPIRATIONS

Ocean Academy is an Aspirations Academies Trust school. Aspirations is a successful and rapidly growing sponsor of primary and secondary academies in southern England and is committed to raising students' aspirations so that all young people reach their fullest potential and achieve the success they want for themselves in an ever changing world.

<https://www.aspirationsacademies.org/>

As part of this trust, we share 3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Self-worth	Engagement	Purpose
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OUR LEARNING SKILLS ARE:



Uniform



Buy online at Brigade UK:

Please order in plenty of time as the waiting time can be between 4-6 weeks.

- School blazer
- School jumper with logo (optional)
- School tie
- School PE top with logo (house colour)

Buy from anywhere:

- Plain black school jumper instead of logo jumper (optional)
- Plain white, collared shirt
- Black school trousers/shorts/skirt
- Black/grey socks and black school shoes (**no boots, sandals or heels**)
- Plain black PE shorts/plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black PE jumper/zip top
- Trainers suitable for PE (running shoes are ideal)
- Long hair must be tied back
- One pair of small, studded earrings are allowed but must not be worn on PE days. No watches can be worn on PE days. Watches that connect to phones etc. are not permitted at all.
- We will provide all equipment inc. pencils, pencil cases etc.



Key Staff in Year 3 and Across the Academy

		
Mrs Quarrie Executive Principal	Mrs Richardson SENCO	Mr West Engagement Lead
		
Miss Burnett Year 3 Lead & Shark Class Teacher	Mrs Simpson Pastoral Lead	

The Year 3 Classrooms



Dolphin Class



Seahorse Class



Shark Class

Other spaces



Lunch



Star Cuisine

- Children can have hot school meals cooked fresh on site by Star Cuisine or bring a packed lunch from home.
 - Hot school meals are £2.50 per day.
 - If you would like to order so that your child has hot school meals for the first 3 weeks of September, please complete an order form and return this to the office by the end of the school year with cash/cheque payment.
 - After this, you will have been set up on the School Money system and will be able to order and pay through School Money.
 - Hot school meals must be ordered at least one week in advance. You can order up to a term in advance but payment must be made on booking.
 - The menu can be found on the Ocean Academy website.
 - We operate a NO NUTS policy and encourage healthy eating.
 - If you are eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the enclosed form as this entitlement does not automatically transfer from the universal free school meals received at infant school.
- <https://online.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/services/freeschoolmeals/>
- Taking up your entitlement to Free School Meals also allows Ocean Academy to use the PUPIL PREMIUM funding to support learning.
 - Packed lunches can be provided by parents daily or on days hot meals are not ordered.
 - Lunch boxes should be named and be a sensible size to fit on the lunch trolley.
 - A named water bottle should be brought to school daily - water only.
 - Children can bring a fruit snack for break time as this is not provided.



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Communication with Parents/Carers

- **Ocean Wave:** A monthly newsletter emailed to parents/carers
- **Ocean Splash:** an emailed weekly bulletin with key information and dates
- **Termly reports:**
 - December & April** - a brief overview of attainment, effort and targets in reading, writing and maths.
 - July** - a full school report with assessments in all subjects and a general comment.
- **Parent consultations:** Two formal parent consultations offered each year.
- **Learning links:** A termly opportunity to enter the classroom and share your child's learning.
- **Daily communication:** Teachers are on the door and available for informal communication daily. Members of the leadership team are available on the gate at the start and end of each day.
- **A text message or email** is used to inform families of new notices. It is vital that mobile numbers and email addresses are kept up to date to ensure these communications are successful
- The **Ocean Community Forum** meets once each term - see the academy website for more details
- A parent overview is emailed out every half term to keep you up to date with what is being taught



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Behaviour and Respect

*'Pupils behave in an exemplary manner around the school and in lessons. They show respect for each other, teachers and visitors.'*OFSTED

At Ocean Academy, we are:

- Kind and caring
- Responsible
- Safe
- Making good choices


Behaviour Board



- We have an OFSTED grading of **outstanding** for Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development
- We run a clear, fair and consistent behaviour system in every classroom - high expectations for all
- Active play times ensure that there is plenty to do during free times and these are supervised by staff from the year group
- We have a house point system running through the academy to develop a sense of belonging and team work
- We pride ourselves on clear and regular communication with parents
- We adopt a proactive and understanding approach throughout the school
- The weekly celebration assembly celebrates effort and kindness (golden book, learning leaders, 3 good things...)
- We ask that you and your child sign the enclosed home/school agreement as this outlines our collaborative approach to positive behaviour
- Staff are expected to treat parents/carers and children with respect and we ask that this is reciprocated
- High expectations of behaviour and respect need to be modelled at both home and school to be successful
- We have received the Anti-Bullying Alliance GOLD award for anti-bullying and our policy can be found on the academy website



Helpful To Do List

Checklist of actions	Tick
Complete and return the student entry form	
Complete and return the Home/Academy agreement	
Complete and return the end of day arrangements form	
Complete and return the images and videos form	
Complete and return the acceptable use form	
Complete and return the CPTA form , if you can help	
Manually order hot school meals for the first 3 week using the paper form and return to the office, with payment, by Friday	
Purchase and name all uniform as listed above	
If your child requires prescribed medication in school (asthma pump, epi pen etc.) Check that it is 'in date' and that there is an up to date medical plan outlining administration	
Check the Ocean Academy website for necessary updates	
Ensure that your contact details are correct (email and phone) so that we can send all relevant information and contact you if needed	
Attend the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 21st June 2023.	
Transfer Day is on Friday 30th June 2023 - remember to drop off and collect from Ocean Academy on this day for a 9:15am start.	