



Atlantic Academy Reception 2020/21



Atlantic Academy Portland
an Aspirations Academy



Welcome

We are honoured to lead the team at Atlantic Academy, a high quality, all-through provision working to transform the lives of all of our students; inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential.

Our goal is to deliver a rigorous, engaging curriculum, to improve outcomes for all our students and provide opportunities for cultural enrichment. We want all our students to live happy, healthy and productive lives.

Our school's unique nature and small size ensures we know your children well and can understand their needs and ambitions, helping them to strive to achieve their very best.

We are an integral part of the Portland community. Portland and Portland's future matter to us and we will equip your children with the skills, attitudes, academic qualifications and imagination needed for the complex and changing world ahead.

By choosing Atlantic Academy Portland for your child, you will be joining an exceptional team.

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to the Academy.



Mrs Bishop
Principal
of Secondary



Miss Heppell
Principal
of Primary

**“Both
children are
very happy,
thank you
for
excellent
standards
& Teaching”**

Our vision



By providing an all through provision we will transform the lives of our students; inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential.



**“Lovely
space and
fantastic
teachers!”**

Communication



Miss Heppell
Principal Primary



Mrs Hill
Deputy Head



Mr Blanthorn
Head of EYFS



Miss Neve
EYFS Teacher



Mrs Winter
Head of KS1



Mrs Dalby
Head of KS2



“The education my child is currently receiving at Atlantic is outstanding”



The Partnership between families and the Academy is essential for your child’s happiness and success at Atlantic Academy. For that reason, good communication is vital and we have a range of means to ensure we communicate regularly and effectively with you:

Website: www.atlantic-aspirations.org

Twitter - @AtlanticAAT

Facebook - Atlantic Academy Portland

Who do I contact regarding my child?

If you have any concerns or need to talk to someone about your child, the first point of call is their Head of Key Stage.

EYFS – Mr Blanthorn

KS1- Mrs Winter

KS2 - Mrs Dalby

You are able to contact and of your Key Stage Leads through the ‘contact us’ section on the Atlantic Academy website.

What if my child is ill, how do I let the Academy know?

If your child is ill and cannot make it to the Academy, you will need to inform the office on: (01305) 820262. Please ensure you have registered illness before 9.00am on each day your child is absent.

Character



- We are proud of our school and it is respected in the community
- We care and respect each other
- We define ourselves and are not afraid of opportunity



**“My children
have
become
happy &
confident in
their
learning.”**

A photograph of children in a classroom setting. In the foreground, a person's hands are shown holding a blue card with a red circle. In the background, a young boy in a blue shirt is stacking a red cube on top of a wooden cylinder, while a girl next to him holds a yellow pyramid. The table is covered with various geometric shapes like triangles, squares, and circles in different colors. The word 'Confidence' is written vertically in large white letters on the left side of the image.

Confidence

- We feel valued
- We feel safe to learn and try something new
- We believe in ourselves and each other



“My children are absolutely thriving at Atlantic Academy”

Our children explore and discover the world through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. There are seven areas of learning that shape the EYFS Curriculum in all settings.

The three prime areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

There are also a further four specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

A group of approximately 12 school children in dark blue uniforms with light blue accents are posing in front of a modern school building. The children are of various ages, from young children to teenagers. Some are sitting on the grass, while others are standing. The building has large windows and a stone facade. Two palm trees are visible in the background. The word 'Commitment' is written vertically in large white letters on the left side of the image.

Commitment

- We work hard and are resilient
- We have disruption free learning
- We have an engaging curriculum

Term Dates 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

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| INSET Days | ~ | Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September |
| Term Starts | ~ | Monday 7 September |
| Half Term | ~ | Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October |
| INSET Day | ~ | Monday 20 November |
| End of Term | ~ | Friday 18 December |

Spring Term 2021

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| INSET Day | ~ | Monday 7 January |
| Term Starts | ~ | Tuesday 8 January |
| Half Term | ~ | Monday 15 to Friday 19 February |
| End of Term | ~ | Friday 1 April |

Summer Term 2021

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| Term Starts | ~ | Tuesday 19 April |
| Half Term | ~ | Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June |
| INSET Day | ~ | Friday 25 June |
| End of Term | ~ | Friday 23 July |

Daily Timetable

A Day in Reception

- 8.15** Gates open for children to arrive
- 8.27** Children brought into class by 8.27
- 8.30** Bagel & morning reading
- 8.45** Registration
- 9.00** Phonics (Read, Write Inc)
- 9.20** Literacy Activities & Independent Learning (later in the year this will develop into Reading and Writing Activities for RWi)
- 10.00** Tidy Up
- 10.20** Break Time
- 10.35** Story/Circle time, with a Healthy Snack & Drink
- 10.55** Maths Activities & Independent Learning
- 11.55** Tidy Up & Preparation For Lunch
- 12.15** Lunch
- 13.15** Registration
- 13.25** Talk 4 Writing/Challenge Time
- 13.40** Topic Based Learning & Independent Learning
- 2.40** Tidy Up
- 3.00** Children are collected





Support

Phonics

Learning to read and write is vital for every child. We teach daily phonic lessons in small groups, where children are taught both the name and sounds of the alphabet following the 'Read, Write Inc' scheme. Your child will be taught to blend and segment a range of words.



Reading Everyday

Our aim is for every child to become a confident reader. We will read with your child in school at least once a week.

Please read with your child daily, even if it is just a few pages a day, little and often is best at this age. Please record what your child has read and how well they are doing in their reading record.



Uniform



Your child should wear:

- Black school trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Blue polo shirt with Atlantic Academy's logo.
- Black sweatshirt with Atlantic Academy's logo.
- Black school shoes.

For PE your child will need:

- A plain white t-shirt.
- Plain black shorts.
- Plain black plimsolls or pumps.
- Black tracksuit in the winter.

Essential Items Checklist

- Spare clothes in a named bag.
- An Academy book bag with phonics book, reading record and reading book every day.
- Letters will be sent electronically.
- Any medication, i.e. asthma inhalers with a filled in consent form handed in and kept in school.
- Sun hat/cap & sun block, clearly labelled in summer months.
- A named water bottle.
- Make sure all equipment is labelled.





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