

## Discover 2026 – FAQs

**1. The form isn't working. It says that it's not accepting submissions at this time.**

The form goes live at 6pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January and closes at 6pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. You can only access the form to make a submission during these times. If a form is not submitted for your child during these times then they will be allocated Discover activities by the school based upon what spaces are remaining after the form has closed.

**2. Do I put my email address or my child's email address on the form?**

You must put in the parent/carer email address. This is so you, the parent/carer can receive a copy of the completed form for your records.

**3. The activity my child wanted to choose had a line through it/disappeared from the drop-down menu and we couldn't select it. What's going on?**

Unfortunately, this means that the activity is fully booked and there are no available spaces left. Your child will need to choose an alternative activity, complete their form and submit it. There is a section of the form where they can write down the preferred activity they missed out on and be added to a waiting list for that activity.

**4. My child didn't get their preferred activity, what can I do?**

It is important that you encourage your child to be resilient if they were unable to secure a space on their preferred activity. Sometimes in life things don't go exactly as we hope, and we have to adjust our expectations. Your child will need to choose a different activity. There is a section on the form where you can type in the activity they missed out on and they will be added to a waiting list for that activity. Hopefully, they will get a chance to gain a space on that activity during the resale in June.

**5. My child wants to change their activity choices to be with their friend. Is this possible?**

It may be possible for your child to change their activity but this is dependent upon spaces available after the form has closed. **They should go to see Mrs Dunsdon in room 10 after school to discuss this.** Please encourage your child to be resilient if this is not possible. All of the activity spaces have been allocated equally between the year groups to ensure that every child will have year group peers in their activity, so there should be somebody they can spend their day with.

**6. When do I have to pay for the activities that my child has chosen?**

Wisepay will not open for Discover payments until late February. You will receive a letter stating exactly what activities your child will be taking part in and informing you that Wisepay is now open to take payment.

**7. I didn't receive a confirmation email with a copy of the completed form for my child, has my form been submitted?**

The most likely explanation is a typo in the email address that was added to the form. Please contact Mrs Dunsdon via email [discover@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:discover@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk) stating your child's name, form group, and your query. We will then check our records and send you confirmation of your child's submitted choices.

**8. What if my child doesn't want to take part in Discover?**

Discover is part of the school term-time enrichment program. Therefore, attendance is not optional. If your child is in Year 7-9, they will need to complete a Discover form (unless otherwise directed by Mrs. Dunsdon) and their attendance in school on those days is expected. Unauthorised absence will be recorded as truancy.

**9. My child has a planned absence on 15<sup>th</sup> and/or 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2026. What should I do?**

If your child has a legitimate reason for not being in school during the Discover days, e.g. a medical procedure or family event, please contact the school giving the details of this absence as soon as possible. This will reduce the chances of you being contacted with requests for Discover documentation or payment.

**10. Where can I get the information about where my child needs to go on the day?**

When you receive your activity confirmation letter in February the letters for each individual activity will become available on the school website.

Go to [www.blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk/News&events/Discover2026](http://www.blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk/News&events/Discover2026) to find the letters for the individual activities. The letters will tell you where your child should meet the staff leading their activity, what time they need to meet by, what they need to bring with them, and when and where they will be dismissed after the activity. All internal (in school) activities are on one letter titled "Internal Activities letter", the rooming document for in school activities will be made available to students nearer to the time.

**11. Are Discover days non-uniform days?**

Yes, uniform is not required on Discover days. However, clothing must be appropriate for a school activity or outing. This is especially important if your child is doing an activity that carries a risk of injury, e.g. Go Ape, Southend Adventure Island, Total Wipeout, Axe Throwing & Rock Climbing

Therefore, the following are NOT ALLOWED:

- bare midriffs
- shorts/skirts above mid-thigh
- strapless or spaghetti strap tops
- low cut tops
- Sliders/flip flops
- False nails
- Hoop earrings
- Necklaces