

15 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Parent Information - Year 6**

It has been an exceptionally challenging Academic year, one in which our students have demonstrated such resilience and I am incredibly proud to be welcoming your child to join our school community. We have posted this week, a relatively brief video on our social media channels and the transition website, which can be accessed here: <https://transition.redcar.outwood.com/transition-week>. The video outlines some of the key information you may have questions about as a parent. Unfortunately we are becoming increasingly used to Virtual Events, however, I hope to be in a position to welcome you into the Academy early in the new term.

#### **September Arrangements:**

New term for students begins on **MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**, with students needing to be across the purple line by 8:20am. The gates will open at 8:00a.m. and students can arrive from 8:00a.m. All students in year 8-11 should arrive at the main school gates, whereas **Year 7 will enter via the side gate on Waveney Road**, for the first half term.

#### **Learning Managers:**

For September, the Learning Managers will be working with the following year groups:

- Year 7 and 8 - Miss McLaughlin
- Year 9 and 10 - Miss Collinson
- Year 11 - Miss Huskinson

The Learning Manager team is the first point of contact for parents, should any issues or concerns arise. However, please can I ask that when contacting reception parents understand that it is not possible to have an immediate response from this team; we always aim to return your call with 24-48 hours, unless the call is regarding something more urgent.

## **Uniform:**

Hopefully you have all managed to resolve any uniform issues, however, we appreciate that a number of families who missed the order deadline are still awaiting uniform, we have ordered these on your behalf and will arrive during the summer and be available for collection on 12 August 2021. The collection times are:

Time for collection will be based upon surname of your child:

- A-E - 12:00-12:15 pm
- F-L - 12:15-12:30 pm
- M-R - 12:30-12:45 pm
- S-Z - 12:45-13:00 pm

If you still have uniform to exchange please email [enquiries@redcar.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@redcar.outwood.com) with the subject of **Uniform Exchange** along with your child's name marked clearly in the email, detailing the items which need to be exchanged.

I also wanted to point parents in the direction of our website: <https://www.redcar.outwood.com/uniform>

On this page of the website all the Academy expectations can be clearly seen, and we request that parents check this before purchasing uniform items this summer. If you are unsure if something is allowed or not, please always refer back to the uniform page. The page also has pictures of the types of shoes/shirts that are acceptable. Although all students have received a bundle, we appreciate that families often want to order extra items or spares, so please consider the information below before you do.

The policy and expectations have not changed, however, I wanted to remind parents about, and highlight the following points:

- Shoes should be plain black, polishable shoes - WITHOUT tassels, decoration or embellishment (canvas and suede are not suitable).
- We do not allow ear-rings or piercings; anyone wanting a piercing, we would always recommend getting this done early in the holiday, so there are not issues with removing them for school.
- Nails should not be painted, and acrylic style nails are not allowed, so as above, appointments should be made in good time to ensure any such nails are removed before the start of school.
- Blazers and trousers or skirts, must be Outwood branded (bought through our uniform supplier Trutex - these are also available locally in Bambini in Guisborough.)
- Shirts can be purchased from any shop - as long as they are plain white, long enough to tuck into skirts and trousers.

### **Equipment:**

We expect all of our students to take responsibility for their own learning and part of this is arriving at the Academy on time and equipped. In order to be equipped we expect that all students have a bag (big enough to store an A4 folder), alongside a pencil case with the basic equipment of a pen, pencil and ruler. We will provide (for no cost) each student with a planner in September and this is required each and every day in the Academy. Any planners with graffiti or lost, will need replacing and there is a cost to this.

### **Testing upon return:**

We are encouraging all students to complete two COVID tests, in line with government guidance, upon their return in September. There is a separate letter outlining the details regarding this, however, all students who wish to be tested must give consent, please do this by completing the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/bqB2z5QU72KkH3sJ6>.

Testing will take place in the week before school returns on Tuesday 31st August (first test) and Friday 3rd (second test) September. We will contact those families who have consented with timings the week commencing 23rd August.

In a year like no other, where we have been inspired by so many of our students and their determination, resilience and compassion - notably Dulce and Rebecca in Year 9 volunteering for the community cafe, supporting families in need. Or be it Kye(Y8) and Theo (Y9) cycling from Newcastle to Redcar in order to raise much needed funds for charity. There are many many others, however, what these wonderful young people have taught us is that even when things are tough, being relentlessly positive ensures that we can still make a difference. My challenge to our students each day is to be the best they can be, and I feel our students have continued to do this and excel, in such tough times.

I am so excited to be welcoming your child to the Academy and I am sure that they will contribute just as much, if not more, to the Academy!

Please enjoy a restful break, take care and look after each other.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School