

20 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Information - Year 6

I am incredibly proud to be welcoming your child to join our school community. Students behaved impeccably during transition and school staff were very impressed by them. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them.

I have outlined below a number of key points which will be useful for your child starting with us in September.

September Arrangements:

The new term for year 7 students begins on **Wednesday 6th September**, with students needing to be across the purple line by 8:20am. The gates will open and students can arrive from 8:00am.

Learning Managers:

For September, the Year 7 Learning Manager will be Miss O'Toole. Miss O'Toole and the Learning Manager team are 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 within 24-48 hours, unless the call is regarding something more urgent.

Uniform:

Hopefully you will have collected your free uniform bundle during our uniform events.

I would like to take this opportunity 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; for anyone considering a piercing, we would always recommend getting this done early in the holiday, so there are no issues with removing them for school.
- Nails should not be painted, and acrylic/gel 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 must be Outwood branded (bought through our uniform supplier Trutex)
- School Trousers can be purchased from any shop - as long as they are black formal style.
- Shirts can be purchased from any shop - as long as they are plain white, long enough to tuck into skirts and trousers.

If there are any issues with the uniform on the first day, please let us know and we can support you with this.

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 lost or with graffiti, will need replacing and there is a cost to this.

School Lunches

School lunches are £2.60 for a meal deal. Letters will be sent out over the summer holiday for you to create your child's cashless account. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please still set up an account as it is used for purchasing other items, not just school lunch.

Tempest Photography:

Tempest Photography will be on site on Tuesday 12th September to take photographs of our new year 7 students.

Parent Governor:

There is a vacancy on our Academy Council for a parent governor from September 2023. Please contact the clerk to the governing body, Mrs Pegden via the school office, telephone 01642 289211 or via email k.pegden@redcar.outwood.com if you would like to find out more information / apply for the position. This is a great opportunity to be part of school life and make a difference to the students within our academy.

Please enjoy a restful break, we look forward to welcoming all students when we return in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Johnson
Head of School