

18th July 2018

Dear Families,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the academy and the trust at the end of what has been another fantastic academic year.

This has been another highly successful year for the academy and throughout the year we have had many highlights. These have included trust-wide events such as our recent Newsday (where the children interviewed Joe Wicks); Teddy Bears' Picnic; Choir's Shine event at the Sheffield Octagon Theatre and the Academy Parliament's visit to the Houses of Parliament. I am sure that you will agree that these have been fantastic opportunities and we are already planning a number of special events for the next academic year. 2019/20 will be a celebration year for us as it is Outwood Grange Academies Trust's 10th anniversary.

The academy's academic outcomes this year have been strong and we are very pleased to report that improvements have been made from last year's results. Outcomes at EYFS demonstrate that they children have made substantial progress since they first joined us. The result of the Y1 Phonic Screening was above National. KS1 results have improved significantly since last year and in all areas we above national for both the Expected and Greater Depth standards. At Key Stage 2 we have again improved our overall outcomes, with maths being a highlight as we have achieved our highest level of results since the new system was introduced.

The trust has also been evaluated by OFSTED. Whilst this type of visit does not result in grades, the report is very positive and you can read it for yourselves at <https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50091354>.

In readiness for the new academic year, we would like to remind you of our expectations for school uniform:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- White polo shirt or white school shirt

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- Grey skirt or trousers
- Grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (plain)

Summer uniform (purple dress, white socks, black shoes) may be worn after the Easter holidays until the academy closes in July.

Children also require a PE kit consisting of:

- Purple t-shirt (with school logo)
- Black shorts
- Black socks

Could we also take this opportunity to remind families that it is the trust policy that jewellery should not be worn by children in the academy. This includes the wearing of earrings. If you are hoping to have your child's ears pierced then the summer holiday is a good time for this as it allows a long period of time for the healing to take place. If there are any medical reasons that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

We have attached to this letter a copy of next year's term dates. Could we please ask that when planning your holidays you take note of these. As is the national policy and our own policy – all holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time may result in a fixed penalty notice. We can confirm that next year's INSET days (where the academy is closed to pupils) are :

- Monday 2nd September
- Friday 25th October
- Friday 20th December
- Thursday 7th May (*If used as a polling station, subject to change if not*)
- Monday 20th July

We look forward to welcoming you back to the academy on Tuesday 3rd September. We encourage you to be on-site at 8.45am each morning. The children will be expected to be 'in the line for ten to nine' (8.50am) which is the formal start of the school day.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break – and let's hope the weather continues to treat us kindly!

Yours faithfully,



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