



21st July 2023

Dear Families,

I wanted to write to you to say thank you for another fantastic year, we have had so many achievements, including a successful Ofsted Inspection, so many events and tournaments back up and running and as always the children have done us all proud. Watching the children graduate each of their phases and celebrate with their families has been a pleasure to watch. We greatly appreciate the support of all our families and we are confident that in partnership we can continue to raise standards and transform lives.

It was bittersweet to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children today, but I know they will go onto high school and succeed in whatever they set out to do! We would also like to say farewell to the staff that are leaving, Miss Weatherston, Miss Slaski, Mrs Muscat and Finally Mr Carter. We will miss them but wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Now onto some information to help over the summer and a few reminders for the next academic year. The start time of the academy will again be **8.45am** and the end time will be **3.15pm**. Nursery start time will be **8.50am** and end time is **11.50am**.

Please see below our term dates for the next academic year -

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Half Term (1)	4 th Sept – 27 th Oct 23	8 th Jan – 9 th Feb 24	8 th April – 24 th May 24
Half Term Break	30 th Oct – 3 rd Nov 23	12 th – 16 th Feb 24	27 th May – 31 st May 4
Half Term (2)	6 th Nov – 22 nd Dec 23	19 th Feb – 22 nd Mar 24	3 rd June – 22 nd July 24
Inset Days	4 th September 5 th September 22 nd December	24 th May	22 nd July

I would like to remind you of our expectations for school uniforms.

- **Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)**
- **White polo shirt or white school shirt**
- **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 October half term)

Children also require a PE kit consisting of:

- **Purple or white t-shirt (plain)**
- **Black shorts**
- **Black socks**

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

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.

After School Extra Curricular Clubs – When we return in September, we will be providing you with a year overview of all Extra Curricular Clubs which will be available throughout the school year. Parents will then be able to enrol children into the clubs, which are available for their year group via a link which will be sent out on the letter.

School Meals – Just a quick reminder that the cost of a school meal has risen to £2.67. The cost per week is now £13.35. Please can I ask that this be paid into your Parentpay account at the beginning of each week in advance of meals being taken. This will help to keep school debt to a minimum. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please see the school office for a form or you can apply via this link [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

Attendance Matters - If your child is absent from school, please make sure that you contact school before 9.15am each day your child is absent. You can leave a message to report a pupil absence on option 2, this will be picked up during our absence check each morning. **Please note** from September, we may carry out well-being home visits even if you have made us aware of an absence. Attendance of pupils will be a priority next year in line with the Government focus on improving school attendance. Please click the link to see the guidance we will be following. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/framework-for-securing-full-attendance-actions-for-schools-and-local-authorities#overview>



Remember - 'In the line for quarter to nine!'

We look forward to welcoming you back to the academy on Tuesday 6th September. We encourage you to be on-site at 8.40am each morning. The children will be expected to be 'in the line for quarter to nine' (8.45am) which is the formal start of the school day.

Bikes – Children can continue to ride to the academy on their bikes. Bikes must be dismounted at the school gate and children should walk into school with them following social distancing measures and stored in the bike shed. Due to Health and Safety, bikes or any wheeled vehicles e.g. scooters must not be ridden on the academy playground/grounds.

Parking - Please do not park on any zig-zag markings and be considerate of residents when parking around school.

Dogs – Due to Health and Safety dogs are not permitted on the school premises (this includes being carried). We know that many parents take their dog for a walk when they bring their child to school. Can I ask, however, that you let your child come into school on their own, if you have your dog with you.

Holiday Support

Mental Health and Well-Being - We know the holidays can be a tricky time for some so please click the green button on our website for a wealth of resources to support children and families.

[Outwood Primary Academy Newstead Green](#)

 Mental Wellbeing

Online Safety - While children are not at school it can mean they are spending more time online. Please click on the link below to access some guidance of how to keep children safe online over the summer holidays. [Staying safe online in the summer holidays - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Free Events - We encourage you to make the most of free events happening in the holidays.

Click the link for some fantastic places and events in Wakefield.

[wakefield.mumbler school-holidays,](#)
[summer-holidays-at-the-hepworth-wakefield,](#)
[Experiencewakefield.co.uk/guide/summer-highlights](#)

Kids eat Free - Look out for many companies offering to feed children for free - or nearly free!
[10 places kids eat free* in Yorkshire this summer \(*or nearly free\)](#)

Reading for Pleasure - We are also promoting the Summer Reading Challenge with Wakefield libraries. Take a look at this fantastic initiative.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#) and also look out for the events taking place at the libraries in the Wakefield area [Wakefield library-events](#)



If you need to access any support while school is closed, including uniform, food banks, holiday clubs please access services at:

Havercroft Family Hub [wakefieldfamilies-together](#)

Havercroft Community Learning Centre [havercroft-and-ryhill-community-learning-centre/](#)

Water Safety Guidance [water-safety Guidance and videos](#)

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. We will continue to listen to your feedback and we look forward to the next academic year. It is going to be a great one!

Stay safe and we hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break, let's hope the weather begins to improve to help us out a little.

Yours sincerely



Lindsey Corbett
Principal