



22nd July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

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.

We recently made you aware that the Government has announced that all schools will work towards a 32.5 hour week from September 2023. As a result, the new start time of the academy will be 8.45am. The current end time will remain unchanged at 3.15pm. The new 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 2022	SPRING TERM 2023	SUMMER TERM 2023
Half Term (1)	6th Sep - 21st Oct	3rd Jan-10th Feb	17th April- 26th May
Half Term Break	22nd Oct-30th Oct	11th Feb-19th Feb	27th May-4th Jun
Half Term (2)	31st Oct-16th Dec	20th Feb-31st March	5th Jun-21st July
End of Term Break	17th Dec-2nd Jan	1st April-16th April	22nd July
INSET Days	5th Sep	3rd Jan & 20th Feb	24th July & 25th July

I would like to introduce to our new members of staff who will be starting with us soon.



Mr Phillips
Associate Vice
Principal



Miss Weatherston
Assistant Principal
and Yr 6 Teacher



Mrs Turner
Learning
Manager



Miss Cheesman
Yr 4 Teacher



Miss Bradley
Yr 1 Teacher

I'm sure that you will make them all feel very welcome when you see them around school.
In readiness for our return to school in September - I 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
- 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 or white t-shirt
- 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.

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 £2.45. The cost per week is now £12.25. 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>

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

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.

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](#).

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](#)



Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year - It has been lovely to fully welcome you into school again. We will continue to build on this next year with even more planned events for parents.

Stay safe and we hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break, let's hope the weather continues to treat us kindly!

Yours sincerely



Lindsey Corbett
Principal