

22nd July 2021

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 yet challenging academic year.

This has been another highly successful year for the academy and throughout the year we have had many highlights. Although we have continued to be challenged by the pandemic, our children have achieved well - whether in the physical classroom or the online environment. I would like to reiterate how grateful we are for the levels of support from home - we know it isn't easy but together we have worked through this.

As we look forward to the new academic year, we do see signs that a more 'normal' school year may be on the horizon. We will take a cautious approach to this - ensuring that as we move into more familiar territory, we do so with appropriate controls and procedures to always ensure we are compliant with government guidance.

Of course, one of the major changes for the next academic year is that Miss Kirkman will be leaving us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Kirkman for everything she has done at Outwood Primary Academy Greystone. Under her leadership, the school has gone from success to success. Her vision, passion and determination has led to the establishment of a superb team who have transformed the school and improved outcomes and provision for our children and families. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Kirkman all of the very best in her new role and hope that her future brings her happiness and success.

Mrs Abbott will join Outwood Primary Academy Greystone as Principal in September. I am sure that you will have already seen and may even have met Mrs Abbott on her visits to the school throughout these final weeks. Mrs Abbott joins the school having been Principal of one of our outstanding academies in Wakefield, Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate.

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

Summer uniform (purple dress, white socks, black shoes) may be worn until October half term.

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 the academy is closed to pupils on:

- Monday 6th September 2021
- Tuesday 7th September 2021
- Friday 17th December 2021
- Friday 27th May 2022
- Monday 25th July 2022

We look forward to welcoming you back to the academy on Wednesday 8th 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.

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Wilson
Chief Executive Principal, Primary