

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Standards and Expectations

Here at Outwood Academy Acklam we pride ourselves on setting and achieving high expectations throughout the year. Our students, staff and local community are rightly proud of their school and the achievements we have made together so far. In order to continue that success, I am writing to you to remind everyone of those high expectations that we all share when in and around the school.


### **Uniform**

Our students wear their uniform with pride. As we approach a holiday, where uniforms are often replaced and purchased, I wanted to remind our community of the uniform expectations so that everyone has the opportunity of meeting those high standards. Below are a number of points to ensure all students adhere to:

- A skirt should be long enough to sit on or just above the knee, must be plain material and must not be made from a stretch fabric.
- Tights must be plain black and a minimum of 40 denier tights.
- Trousers must be plain black in a formal tailored style.
- Leggings and jeans are not acceptable.
- A tie must be worn at all times along with a plain white shirt and Academy blazer.
- Only plain black formal shoes are allowed in school. Trainers are not acceptable.
- No coats, jackets or hoodies are allowed to be worn inside the school and should not be worn under blazers as students enter onto school site

Full details of the uniform policy at Outwood Academy Acklam can be found on our website at [www.acklam.outwood.com/uniform](http://www.acklam.outwood.com/uniform)

We will support our students to meet these expectations on arrival. If any of the above are not in place we have a stock of uniform items and shoes in school which will be loaned to support students to meet our expectations.

You can find our full uniform reminder sheet by following this link  [Uniform reminders \(1\).pdf](#)

### **Jewellery and Make-Up**

No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Students have the opportunity to remove jewellery at the gate when entering school. Any refusal to do so will result in a consequence. If a student is asked to take off jewellery within school, the item will be placed at reception where parents/guardians will need to collect it. If items are still uncollected at the end of a term, students can collect these items themselves.

### **Nail Polish**

Nail polish and any type of false nails (including clear gels, acrylics, extensions, Shellac etc) are not allowed, so please ensure appointments are booked to remove such nails before returning to school on 17th April.

### **Nut Free School**

For the safety of our students, all nut-based products are banned from the Academy. These products could include cereal bars, biscuits, cakes, snack pots, spreads and condiments such as satay sauce. We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based products before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering school. Although this may sound extreme, some of our students and staff with allergies could have reactions to any contact with nut-based products. I thank you in advance for adhering to this vitally important policy.

### **Mobile phones**

Although we appreciate that parents/carers will want to send students to school with a mobile phone for safety reasons, the phones are not allowed to be seen whilst on the school site this includes pathways leading to school gates. If a student does not meet this expectation, the mobile phone will be confiscated by staff and stored securely, for parents/carers to collect. Failure to hand over a phone to a staff member when asked will lead to a consequence and sanction.

### **Be on time, every time**

Students should remember that they are part of a large and vibrant secondary school. As such, there are often lessons taking place when students are walking around the academy whilst breaks and lunches are ongoing. To ensure our school is a calm and safe place, students must adhere to the below guidelines:

You WALK around the academy not run

You TALK CALMLY inside and around the academy

You are POLITE and RESPECTFUL whilst inside the academy

You respond FIRST time EVERY time

You are the BEST version of yourself at all times

We allow our students 5 minutes to transition to lessons. If a student arrives at a lesson after the 5 minute transition time they will be considered late and issued a lunch time detention (C4a). Any student not in class after ten minutes will be considered Out of Bounds and issued an after school detention (C4b) as well as a text home. Persistent examples of this behaviour will result in escalated consequences. Examples of being Out of Bounds are:

- Where a student is not in lessons, without a note
- Where a student is in an area other than the dining hall or outside at break or lunch

Every morning, the gate closes at 8:20am. Any student after that will be considered late and a lunch time detention (C4a) will be issued.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the staff and students at our school. When we work together to ensure our students meet these high expectations, there is no limit to what our students can achieve.

Have a fantastic Easter break, Ramadan Mubarak to those families celebrating and stay safe.



Mr Murray

Vice Principal for Deep Support