

7th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that the Local Authority Admissions Team have offered your child a place at Outwood Academy Acklam from September 2023, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome to our school community. I understand that you want the very best for your child and we will aim to build a close, friendly and effective relationship with you that will directly benefit your child's education.

Outwood Academy Acklam, is part of Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT). As a trust we are determined to raise standards and in turn transform the life chances of our young people. We are immensely proud of our Academy and the students who attend the Academy. We are therefore delighted that your child will join the Academy and with our aim of supporting every student to be the very best that they can be.

I am delighted to confirm some key transition dates and events.

- Monday 3rd July 2023 - Year 6 - Meet the Tutor Evening (time to be confirmed closer to the date)
- Tuesday 4th - Wednesday 5th July 2023 - Transition Days (Primary Students attend Outwood Acklam for the full day, both days)

We feel strongly that attendance at both the parent event and transition days is crucial; Year 6 students would spend time with their peers and form tutors and start to experience a typical Year 7 timetable at the school. The opportunity to help students get used to the routines of the school, and thus ensure they have established themselves with their new teachers and subjects before the summer holidays, is absolutely vital.

You may not be aware, but as a student at an Outwood School we provide the very first uniform (both day to day school uniform and PE kit) completely free of charge. We will be in touch in the future to confirm the process for ordering your child's uniform and the dates for collection of the uniform, usually in August in the summer holidays.

During the next few months, Mrs Robinson (Assistant Principal), Miss Williams (SEND Co), Mr Harrison (SEND Officer) and Mr Marron (Pastoral Lead - Key Stage 3) will be visiting primary schools to meet Year 6 teachers to gather helpful transition information.

IMPORTANT: We would like you to complete a very short online form so we have a quicker means of communication with you from now on, rather than just by letter. **It would also be very helpful if you could also confirm via the online form that your child will be taking their place at Outwood Academy Acklam, that we have your correct details and that you are happy to text you in future when there is important information to pass on, including the transition and uniform arrangements.**

The online form to complete is here: [LINK](#)

We have tried to make this as short as possible for ease of typing it into your mobile, tablet or computer! If you have any issues completing this form, please email our enquiries email address: enquiries@acklam.outwood.com

Alternatively, send in a brief written note if that is more convenient to the school's address which can be found in the letterhead. You will appreciate, as we will be completely full in Year 7, any information about students not taking up a place will be really helpful in terms of managing the anticipated appeals.

I encourage you to keep up with all the daily and weekly news at our school in the months ahead. You can follow us on Twitter: @OutwoodAcklam or our regularly updated Outwood Academy Acklam Facebook page.

Finally, on our website we will be updating our dedicated page for Year 6 parents and children here: <https://www.acklam.outwood.com/transition> it has lots of information, and answers to common questions from last year's transition. We hope you will find it useful,

I look forward to meeting you and your child in the summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GSKM', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Graham Skidmore
Principal