

May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

OGAT Student Reference Number: (Sent to all Y6 Parents / Carers via post)

Welcome to Outwood Academy Acklam; we are delighted your child will be joining us in September. We appreciate that you, like us, want the best for your child. We look forward to working with you to develop an effective relationship, ensuring your child is successful and achieves their potential in all aspects of their secondary education.

I am aware that you have already received some correspondence from our Head of Transition, Mr Andrew Maycock. Details of a full transition programme are on our academy website which can be found here: www.acklam.outwood.com. There is a section dedicated to transition which you may wish to look at with your child.

We want to ensure you and your child feel supported and prepared for the move to Outwood Academy Acklam. I appreciate these are uncertain times and so we do have some measures in place to help you and your child prepare.

IMPORTANT: Firstly, the main purpose of this letter is to ask you to complete the data collection google form, <https://forms.gle/Bnm59pwzDkW2EpKr5> this link can also be found on the transition section of the academy website. You will be asked your child's Student Reference Number which is listed above.

These forms are vital to ensure that your child has the best possible start with us and enables them to access all school services, including school dinners. You must complete this form no later than **Friday 2 July 2021**.

If you feel that your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Middlesbrough Council to make an application using the link below:

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/benefits-and-council-tax/free-school-meals>

Please note that you must make an application for all of your children who attend the academy, therefore a new application must be made for your child who is joining us in September, even if they have siblings in another year group who also receive Free School meals.

You can also keep up with all the weekly news at our Academy through Twitter via [@OutwoodAcklam](https://twitter.com/OutwoodAcklam) and Facebook via [@Outwood.acklam](https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodAcklam).

It might be helpful for you to discuss with your child the school day, what their new school uniform will look like, what their school timetable will include and how they will travel to and from Outwood Academy Acklam. You can find links to all of this information on our school website transition pages detailed above.

Outwood Academy Acklam provides your child's first school uniform bundle **free of charge**. A letter regarding the order of your child's uniform has already been sent to you. All new Y7 Uniform bundles must be ordered through the 'Girl / Boy' links on the letter. These links can also be found in the 'Uniform' section of the academy website. Orders must be made by Friday 28 May 2021.

If you wish to purchase any additional items, you can do so directly through the Trutex online website, <https://www.trutex.com/>. I have included a price list for your information.

Also find attached a copy of the Outwood Grange Academies Trust Hardship Policy and Application Form which details financial help that may be available towards the cost of additional uniform. Once an application has been submitted to the Academy, a letter will be sent out confirming if it has been successful. Any successful applications will receive a code to be used online to access the discounted prices.

Please be aware that uniform orders are to be made online only as we no longer sell uniform direct to parents from the academy.

During the coming weeks, some of our staff will be contacting primary schools to gather crucial information about your child's specific needs. This will facilitate a seamless transition into Year 7 and help us to make appropriate arrangements for those students with special educational needs and other additional needs.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Outwood Academy Acklam. If you have any queries or concerns, are unable to access the school website or would like to discuss your child's additional needs, please don't hesitate to contact us at enquiries@acklam.outwood.com or on 01642 818200.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Gray
Principal