

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family have all had a wonderful summer break. As the new school year approaches I am writing to remind you of our expectations and standards with regards to uniform for the forthcoming year. We are aware that last year the ordering and delivery of uniform items as well as being able to pay for uniform became much more complicated and difficult than usual due to the Pandemic, which were completely understandable. We did our best to support parents/carers who were unable to procure items of uniform for various reasons where students had grown out of, lost or had damaged their uniform by providing them with items free of charge. Under the current circumstances, we are looking to spend that money on improving the experiences for all students inside school hours and through enrichment activities. Therefore from September onwards we will be operating on the following policy (found [here](#)) with regards to uniform:

Students who arrive at school without the correct uniform will be offered the opportunity to borrow items. A C4a detention will be issued and items must be returned at the end of the day. A text will be sent home to alert you to your son/daughter borrowing item(s) of uniform. Any items not returned will result in a second text to alert you to the non-return of the uniform and we may decline to lend future items. This is very important as we, like yourselves as parents/carers, want all students to look after and return things that are borrowed.

We value students being in the correct uniform for school as it sets standards and habits for future employment, once students enter the world of work.

As we are a cashless school, replacement items cannot be directly purchased within school, however all uniform items can be found and ordered [here](#) or alternatively, you can visit [www.trutex.com/my-school/outwood-academy-acklam](http://www.trutex.com/my-school/outwood-academy-acklam) and input our order code, which is **LEA00646SC**

Should you wish to purchase in store, Trutex has a store locator on their website allowing you to find the nearest stockist within the Middlesbrough area.

We appreciate that in the wake of the pandemic some families may struggle to purchase items of uniform. Therefore please see below the link to our hardship policy where support can be sought.

Could I also take this opportunity to request that false/acrylic nails, eyelash extensions and piercings are all removed for the start of the new school year.

From Monday 6 September 2021, students will have an overdraft limit added to their iPay account of **-£6.45 (equivalent to 3 meals)**. If a student tries to retrieve a lunch, and they are at their limit, they must go to Student Services to receive a pass. Students will be able to do this up to **three times only**. If no effort has been made to clear the negative balance, the student will be unable to purchase a school meal and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch.

For those students in receipt of Free School Meals, the daily amount will be allocated automatically to your child's account. Any applications for Free School Meals must be made through Middlesbrough Council.

We have noticed that some students have not registered to use the iPay system.

In order to use the iPayimpact website and deposit money onto the account from home, you will need to register via [www.ipayimpact.co.uk](http://www.ipayimpact.co.uk), using your child's unique reference code which was previously sent to you via letter.

If you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Student Services on 01642 818200.

All students will return on **Monday 6 September 2021** for an **8.25am** start.

We ask that each year group arrives at the school gates at their allocated time where they will be collected by members of staff and allowed into the academy: -

**Y7** – From 8.00am on Monday 6 September, 8.10am after their first day.

**Y8 / Y9** - 8.10am

**Y10 / Y11** - 8.15am

I look forward to seeing all of our students ready to learn when we return on Monday and hope you have all had a restful Summer.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Mitchell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

K. Mitchell  
Assistant Principal

Uniform Policy

<https://www.acklam.outwood.com/uniform>

Hardship Policy <https://academy-sites->

[files.outwood.com/customisedpolicy/132/file/6fc9b082e8c47b0135a5009fcc9b9192.pdf](https://files.outwood.com/customisedpolicy/132/file/6fc9b082e8c47b0135a5009fcc9b9192.pdf)