

Friday, 17th July

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have enjoyed a good couple of weeks since we last saw you for transition day at TCA. The sun has been shining, and those final few weeks of term have been rushing past. I truly hope, as your child leaves primary school either today or next week, that they have had a fantastic send off, and are feeling excited for the next big step in September!

Attendance

We have already spoken to schools and families around the importance of attendance, and this starts on the first day back in September. Please work with us to ensure that your child has a fantastic start. There is lots to get through with them during the first week back, so a good start to their attendance – in every day, on time – is crucial.

Uniform

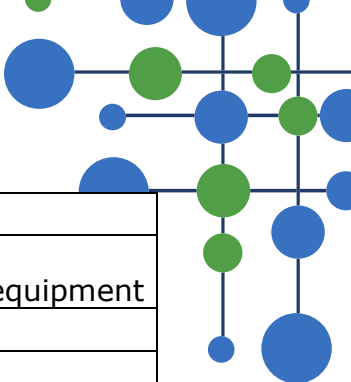
I thought it might be helpful to remind you of this if you are shopping in the next few weeks ready for September. Over the holidays, Kirklees Uniform Exchange (<https://www.uniform-exchange.org>) are an excellent organisation who can help out families with items of uniform if they're needed.

Uniform item	Notes
Academy tie	Available on Arbor, at TCA or from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury for £5
Academy blazer	- Available from Rawcliffes, Dewsbury - Must be worn on corridors at all times
Black trousers	- Full length trousers must be worn - Not leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit bottoms, jeans, cycling short or jersey material - Not skin-tight fit - Trousers must be tailored and not shiny or stretchy
Black skirt	- Must be knee length - Not stretchy/jersey material - Must be worn with black tights
Black socks	Must be worn if wearing trousers
Black shoes	- Not trainers or pumps - Converse, Vans or anything made by a sportswear brand are not allowed
Salwar kameez	If the neck is visible, a shirt and tie must be worn

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	• Must be black or dark blue with no patterns
School bag	• Essential item – not negotiable • Must be big enough to carry PE kit, books and equipment
Pencil case	• Including pen, pencil, ruler and rubber
Jewellery	• One ring • One small bracelet • One necklace (worn under the shirt)
Make up and piercings	• One small stud or sleeper in each ear • One small nose stud (not in the septum) • No tongue piercings • Discreet make up • No false nails or false eyelashes

Start of term – Wednesday, 2nd September

Term starts again at 8.30am on Wednesday, 2nd September. Please make sure your child is in school, in full uniform, prepared and on time. We look forward to starting to work with you all in September. That said, it will be nice to have a rest before that!

Breakfast Club – every day

We have mentioned this before, but our Breakfast Club is completely free and everyone is welcome from 8am, in the Canteen, every single day.

Activities for the holidays

If your child has some spare time over the break and wants to get involved in some activities, there is lots going on and it's listed here:

<https://www.schoolsoutkirklees.co.uk>. There are events across Kirklees and they are funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food programme.

And finally...

I hope you have a wonderful summer making memories with your family, friends and loved ones. I know that this is a big moment for your child, and your family. We certainly don't take your trust in us for granted – the responsibility of your child's secondary school education is something we take very seriously. We can all do that, and the partnership between parents/carers and school is important within that.

Be nice. Work hard.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher