

Monday 22 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Year 6 Transition - Outwood Academy Bydales

OGAT Unique Student Reference Number: *Unique Code - Posted to Parents 23.04.24*

I am delighted that the Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority Admissions Team have written and offered your child a place at Outwood Academy Bydales from September 2024, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome to our academy 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.

As I am sure you know, we have a strong reputation for high standards and expectations. We are determined to continue to raise standards and in turn transform the life chances of our young people. We are proud that year on year we are oversubscribed for places in Year 7, and that this year we again received a very high number of first choice applications and are full for this September 2024 intake.

Accepting/Declining Your Offer

We would appreciate it if you would confirm to us whether you will be accepting your child's place at Outwood Academy Bydales. To confirm or decline your place please email transition@bydales.outwood.com.

Please note that this is a separate process to confirming or declining the offer via the Local Authority website and you should ensure that you also respond to your formal offer letter or email if you have not already done so.

Data Collection

If you are accepting the offer for your child's place at Outwood Academy Bydales, we would like to request that you complete a data collection form to ensure we have all the information we need regarding your child.

To complete the data collection form, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/KbphT2UJEzA7VHeMA>. You will require a unique student reference number which is shown above.

You can also find this on the Transition page of our school website [here](#) and on our Facebook page. It is important that you complete this with as much detail as you can to ensure we have accurate and up to date information for your child.

Transition Days

This year, our transition days will be held on the following days;

Monday 08 July 2024

Tuesday 09 July 2024

Wednesday 10 July 2024

Your child will attend the academy on all three days, from 8:20-2:30. Lunch for your child on the three transition days will be provided and paid for.

Details will be circulated to you at a later date with regards to setting up an account for your child to purchase meals in school starting in September 2024.

At this stage, we are not yet in a position to confirm exact details of the transition program, but it is very much our intention to get our new students into the Academy, spend time with their peers and form tutors and start to experience a typical Year 7 timetable at the school. This will give them the opportunity to get used to the routines of the school, and thus ensure they have established themselves with new teachers and subjects before the summer holidays. Your child will then return to their primary school for the final weeks of term.

Transition Parent/Carer Evening

We would like to invite you to attend our Transition Parents/Carers Evening at Outwood Academy Bydales on Monday 08 July 2024 at 6:00pm. Confirmation and further details will be sent out regarding this in due course.

Free School Meals

If you feel that your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Redcar and Cleveland Council to make an application using the link

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/Free%20School%20Meals%20-%20Application%20Form.pdf> or call 01642 774774:

Completed application forms can either be returned to your child's school, by emailing educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or by post to:

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, Department of Corporate Resources,

Educational Benefits, Redcar & Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, Yorkshire, TS10 1RT

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.

Uniform

We provide a uniform bundle free of charge to all incoming Year 7 students. Please see [here](#) the separate letter accompanying this one with details of how to order. A copy of this will also be available on our website.

Uniforms will be available to collect from the Academy on Monday 24 June 2024 from 3:30pm-6:30pm.

Please see below the allocated time for you to attend and collect your bundle (first letter of students surname).

Monday 24th June 2024

3.30pm-3.50pm A, C & F

3.50pm-4.10pm B

4.10pm-4.30pm D, E & O

4.30pm-4.50pm G, P, Q & T

4.50pm-5.10pm H & I

5.10pm-5.30pm J, K, L & N

5.30pm-5.50pm M

5.50pm-6.10pm R, U, V & W

6.10pm-6.30pm S, X, Y & Z

There will also be a Uniform Exchange Event on Monday 01 July 2024 from 3:30pm-8:00pm, where you can swap items that don't fit for the correct size.

The Academy offers a Hardship Grant Application process for families who qualify for support with the cost of uniform. Please read this [Hardship Policy](#) carefully and if you do feel like you qualify, please complete the form providing the correct evidence of income to support your application and send to:

Mrs K Bradshaw
PA to Principal and Office Manager
Outwood Academy Bydales
Coast Road
Marske-by-the-Sea
Redcar
TS11 6AR

Staying in Touch

During the next few months, our transition team will be visiting your child's primary school to meet his or her Year 6 Teachers and gather helpful transition information. In the meantime, if you do have any questions or queries, you can send these to transition@bydales.outwood.com.

We will have a dedicated Transition Page for Year 6 Parents and Carers on our website and this will be updated over the coming weeks with information for this year's incoming students:

<https://www.bydales.outwood.com/transition>.

I hope that you will follow our news and updates on social media. We have a regularly updated Outwood Academy Bydales Facebook page www.facebook.com/OutwoodBydales.

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

Yours sincerely



Robert McGreal
Principal
Outwood Academy Bydales