

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEW TERM

Term Dates - 2022/2023

All students return to school on Monday 5 September at 8.20 a.m. Details of the 2022/2023 term dates and closure days can be found at: [Term Dates and Closures 2022/23](#).

Attendance

At Outwood Academy Bydales, excellent [attendance and punctuality](#) is our aim for every child and we set an attendance target of 100% for all students.

Parents and carers play a critical role in helping us promote good attitudes towards attendance. It is important that we ensure that children are present at every opportunity, arriving on time, and are not being taken out of the academy without authorisation. A child's attendance is monitored closely, and we will follow up unexplained absences with parents or carers.

Term time holidays will not be approved and students will be marked as taking unauthorised absence. In these situations the appropriate attendance management procedures will be followed which may include financial penalties applied by the local authority.

Uniform

Our standards and expectations remain high and students are expected to be in full academy uniform throughout the year. Full uniform information can be found here: [Uniform Policy](#)

Please note the key expectations:

- Plain black shoes (must be polishable)
- Plain black socks/tights with no holes.
- No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Smart watches are not allowed and students cannot wear earrings or other piercings whilst at school.
- Hair must be a natural colour and bands/bobbles must be plain black or purple.
- Nail polish and any type of false nails are not allowed.
- No hoodies can be worn on site and coats must be large enough to go over the blazer.
- Jumpers should be black with a v-neck and long sleeves and have the Outwood logo.
- All students must bring a bag that can hold a planner and an A4 workbook.

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

For PE lessons there will be different arrangements for specific groups and students will be informed by their PE teacher what will be required during their first PE lesson. For the first lesson students should bring their training shoes.

If you are able to donate any blazers, ties or items of PE Kit to the school these would be very welcome and can be brought into school on the students' final day. Many families are facing financially challenging times and any uniform items we can give to current, and incoming students, will be very welcome.

Equipment for Learning

To ensure our students are ready for learning please provide them with:

- A black pen, a red pen, a pencil, pencil sharpener and eraser, a scientific calculator and a school geometry set (to include a compass, a protractor, a 6 inch ruler and a set square)
- A Collins Pocket English Dictionary (or equivalent)
- A Collins Pocket French Dictionary (or equivalent)

Students may also want to bring in their own whiteboard pen and highlighters. All students will be provided with a planner on their first day.

School Meals

We can confirm that school meal prices will increase from £2.65 to £2.96 per day for the 'Meal of the Day' option.

Students who have exceeded the funds in their lunch accounts need to 'clear' any outstanding lunchtime debts via our Robertson's catering team. Please take an opportunity to log into your child's iPay account and check their final balance.

Damage

We expect our students to demonstrate pride in their learning environment, as would be expected when they were at home or in a workplace. Sadly we continue to see incidents of anti-social behaviour in the academy that have resulted in unacceptable damage to the school's property and facilities.

As well as awarding sanctions to students, the additional cleaning and/or repair costs will be passed to the parents/carers of the students involved.



Hardship Policy

In a time when families are increasingly experiencing financial difficulties, I would like to remind parents and carers about the [Hardship Policy](#). This fund is a discretionary source of financial help available to registered full-time Academy students who have difficulties in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits and year group residential (up to 100% of the cost)
- Uniform, shoes or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for their academic studies
- Expenses to attend seminars, interviews or work experience placements
- Emergency travel expenses

Community Relations

It is important that the academy maintains a positive relationship with the community and residents of Marske. Students play a large part in this relationship and we expect our young people to behave appropriately on their way to and from the academy.

This includes respecting the wellbeing and property of residents, addressing residents in a respectful manner and cycling safely and with consideration for other road and path user.

Students who do not meet the standards we expect will receive sanctions for their behaviour and this may extend to the removal of their cycling permits where they are travelling dangerously or do not follow the restrictions in parts of Marske. Sadly we continue to receive complaints from our neighbours who are treated disrespectfully by our students.

Parents and carers can support our community relationships by driving and parking courteously at the start and end of the school day. Churchill Drive is an access road for residents and should not be used to collect or drop off students. Alternative parking is available in the beach and library car parks a short distance away.

