

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Families,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the academy and the trust at the end of what has been another fantastic yet challenging academic year.

This has been another highly successful year for the academy and throughout the year we have had many highlights. Although we have continued to be challenged by the pandemic, our children have achieved well - whether in the physical classroom or the online environment. I would like to reiterate how grateful we are for the levels of support from home - we know it isn't easy but together we have worked through this.

As we look forward to the new academic year, we do see signs that a more 'normal' school year may be on the horizon. We will take a cautious approach to this - ensuring that as we move into more familiar territory, we do so with appropriate controls and procedures to always ensure we are compliant with government guidance.

Of course, one of the major changes for the next academic year is that Mrs Million will be leaving us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Million for everything she has done at Outwood Primary Academy Park Hill. Under her leadership, the school has gone from success to success. Her vision, passion and determination has led to the establishment of a superb team who have transformed the school and improved outcomes and provision for our children and families. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Million all of the very best for her early retirement.

Miss Burnett will join Outwood Primary Academy Park Hill as Principal in September. I am sure that you will have already seen and may even have met Miss Burnett on her visits to the school throughout these final weeks. Miss Burnett joins the school having been Principal of one of our academies in Barnsley- Outwood Primary Academy Darfield.

In readiness for the new academic year, we would like to remind you of our expectations for school uniform:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- White polo shirt or white school shirt
- Grey skirt, trousers or school shorts
- Grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (plain)

Summer uniform (purple dress, white socks, black shoes) may be worn until October half term.

Children also require a PE kit consisting of:

- Purple t-shirt (with school logo)
- Black shorts
- Black socks

Could we also take this opportunity to remind families that it is the trust policy that jewellery should not be worn by children in the academy. This includes the wearing of earrings. If you are hoping to have your child's ears pierced then the summer holiday is a good time for this as it allows a long period of time for the healing to take place. If there are any medical reasons that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

We have attached to this letter a copy of next year's term dates. Could we please ask that when planning your holidays you take note of these. As is the national policy and our own policy – all holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time may result in a fixed penalty notice. We can confirm that next year the academy is closed to pupils on:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

We look forward to welcoming you back to the academy on Wednesday 8th September. We encourage you to be on-site at 8.45am each morning. The children will be expected to be 'in the line for ten to nine' (8.50am) which is the formal start of the school day.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Wilson  
Chief Executive Principal, Primary

## Term Dates and Closures

<b>Description</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>
INSET DAY	Mon 26 Jul 2021	
Summer Break	Tue 27 Jul 2021	Sun 05 Sep 2021
INSET Day	Mon 06 Sep 2021	
INSET Day	Tue 07 Sep 2021	
October Half Term	Sat 23 Oct 2021	Sun 31 Oct 2021
INSET Day	Mon 29 Nov 2021	
Christmas Break	Sat 18 Dec 2021	Mon 03 Jan 2022
February Half Term	Sat 19 Feb 2022	Sun 27 Feb 2022
Easter Break	Sat 09 Apr 2022	Sun 24 Apr 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 02 May 2022	
Spring Bank Break	Sat 28 May 2022	Sun 05 Jun 2022
INSET Day	Mon 25 Jul 2022	
INSET Day	Tue 26 Jul 2022	
Summer Break	Wed 27 Jul 2022	Sun 04 Sep 2022