

Updates

23rd November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Accident on Crewe Road

On Tuesday 16th November, our Academy community was devastated as one of our students was injured on Crewe Road whilst attempting to cross over outside school. Our staff are on duty in high-vis jackets before and after school and we do our utmost to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. On many occasions our staff have approached vehicles to ask that they park appropriately and legally outside of school, frustratingly we are often subject to refusal and abusive comments from some drivers. Please can I urge parents and carers to park safely and to be mindful of the road markings. I have also contacted Wakefield Local Authority, Yvette Cooper our MP and the Superintendent of West Yorkshire Police to request police support before and after school. We have also involved our School's Police Officer and Heads of Year in working to further educate our students on road safety. Please join with me in wishing our student a speedy recovery.

RSHE Online Survey

As you will be aware from my previous letter, Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) has now become part of the compulsory curriculum for all state secondary schools.

As part of our school's Student Wellbeing programme, your child will receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety. Schools are required to consult with parents and carers when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSHE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We are keen to gather your opinions via an online survey. On our website

<https://www.airedaleacademy.com/newsletters/> on the entry dated 21st October, please find a copy of the current learning plan and RSHE policy. We would ask that you follow this link

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/6Y4XDC/> to share your feedback about our RSHE curriculum and on the topics taught. **This survey will close on November 30th, please ensure you complete it prior to this date.**

No Way It's Not Okay!



As part of national Anti-Bullying week and Transgender Awareness week which took place last week, we launched our Academy's whole school approach to bullying and anti-social behaviour – **No Way**

It's Not Okay! In our assemblies and via Form Time, our students were given key messages about acceptable behaviour in school. Students were reminded of our expectations around:

- **No physical contact – AT ALL for any reason**
- **No unwanted touching**
- **No bullying behaviour**
- **No harmful sexual behaviour**

Students were also encouraged to make sure that they always:

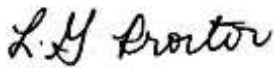
- **Ask for help**
- **Report all issues immediately**

We reassured our young people that all reports will be dealt with and that such behaviours will not be tolerated. We equally stressed that it will take every member of our school to do their part.

Appointments with Staff

Please can I ask for your support when coming into the Academy. We are still trying to reduce, where possible, the number of visitors on our site. If you need to meet with a member of our staff team, please can I ask that you ensure that you make an appointment in advance, so that we can ensure that the relevant staff are free to see you and that you don't have a wasted journey. When you arrive, please buzz at the main gate and wait for a member of staff to come to escort you onto site. It is vital, for reasons of safeguarding, that visitors don't come onto our site, whilst students are here, unaccompanied. I thank-you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully



L. Proctor
Principal