

14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **Start of Term Updates for Parents / Carers**

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

#### **TAKE PRIDE – it's who we are, it's what we do!**

This is the strapline for our behaviour reset campaign, where we remind all of our young people of what we expect from them, and equally how they can expect to be rewarded for making good choices. We hope that you have been following our social media accounts and recognising the names of our students who have made the right choices. We have awarded over 30 000 points to date! Our students continue to tell us that they love to see their names on social media and really appreciate being recognised for being amazing!

#### **Airedale on Tour**

Plans for our end of year trip extravaganza are well underway! Airedale on Tour will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A letter detailing all the trips on offer will be out to you shortly, the letter also outlines details of cost, timings and other key information. If at any point you have any questions, please contact the Academy.

#### **Step Out School Day**

Please note the changes to the timings for our school day for those students in Step Out. With immediate effect, Step Out will run from 8:35am until 3:30pm.

#### **Skirts**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already pre-ordered our new skirt. These double-logo skirts will be the only approved skirt from September. We have sought funding for all existing students as well as the new year 7 intake. Exceptionally, this deadline has now be extended until the close of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This offer of a free skirt will not be available after this so please seize this opportunity to order using this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KTUBCW/>

#### **Smart Watches**

A gentle reminder that smart watches of any type are not permitted in school. This is in line with JCQ and DfE guidance. Please ensure that your child does not bring a smart watch to school. Smart watches will be confiscated and returned to students at the end of the day.

#### **Airedale Food Bank & Airedale Baby & Children's Bank**

We will be supporting the Airedale Foodbank and the Airedale Baby & Children's Bank as we approach the summer holidays this year. Our Academy Sport's Day will take place on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> and all students may come to school in their PE Kit for the day. We are asking that all students,

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where possible, bring a donation for the Food, Baby or Children's Bank. All donations can be sent with your child into school and given to their Form Tutor! Thank-you in advance for your support.

### **Attendance**

There has been a significant increase in the number of students absent from school with a reason that we aren't able to authorise in recent weeks. I know you will agree that every minute in school counts. Please can I ask for parent and carer support in ensuring that students are in school, on time, each and every day. It is not acceptable for students to stay off school for a headache or because they are tired. We are also unable to authorise holidays during the school term; this is in line with Academy and Trust policies. Thank-you for your continued support with attendance.

### **Academy App – My Child at School**

It is very important we are able to keep in touch with each other. We have our own academy app called My Child at School which is available on iOS and Android from wherever you download your usual apps. It is free to download and free to use. Please search your app store for My Child at School provided by Bromcom.

Many families are now using My Child at School (MCAS) as it offers you so much information at your fingertips such as:

- Access to your student's timetable, the academy calendar and attendance information for your child,
- Communication facilities to improve contact between parents / carers and schools,
- School Announcements,
- Instant access to student reports and letters.

MCAS is also the only way you can currently pay for things at school such as lunches, trips, revision guides etc.

If you have not already downloaded the app, please do so as you will then receive letters and messages immediately. If we need to contact you regarding your child, for example if they are ill or need to come home, we can send you a notification and you will see it straight away.

To activate your app, you will need an activation code. If you need this resending, please call the office or email us and we will get it to you. The office can help with any queries you have about setting the app up or about using it once you have it.

If you already have the app, please can you check in your phone settings to ensure that you have Bromcom notifications switched on.

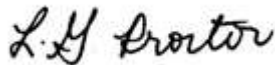
**Dinner Money**

Please can I remind all families that you should always pay for your child's meals before they have them. Lunch accounts should never run into a debit balance. Please can all families check their balance and make sure there is enough money available to cover your meals up to the holidays.

If your account is overdrawn, please make a payment to repay this as soon as possible or contact the office to agree when a payment will be made. If anyone is struggling to pay please speak with our office as they may be able to help you look at whether you would be eligible for free meals. Being eligible for free meals, even for a short period of time, can attract additional government funding to support your child's education so we strongly recommend families checking to see if they may be eligible for this. If your income is temporarily reduced you may be able to qualify for this support. More information is available here <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>.

Thank-you for your continued support during the summer term.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss L Proctor**  
**Principal**