

20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

There are many words and phrases we could use to sum up this academic year, but the one that resonates the most with me is resilient. The resilience that students and all staff have shown this year has been amazing. They have been able to adapt and change to the circumstances and situations, whilst being positive.

I would like to thank all parents, carers and wider family members and their friends for supporting our young people through this very difficult time. You have taken on every role imaginable, there have been times when this has been exciting, frustrating and confusing, but you have all risen to the challenge.

A huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who have supported the school during the academic year; they have adapted to a huge range of job roles and done things we have never seen schools face.

The systems of control we will need to follow in September have been amended and a new risk assessment will be on the website before September; however in summary:

- Bubbles have been removed - however we are able to have students in their own dining spaces and in their own social areas.
- Students do not need to face in the same direction and can move back to sitting face to face in the dining areas and in classrooms.
- Non shared facilities in the academy currently such as toilets, the library and ICT suites can be used by all students
- Masks will not be required, however, if your child prefers to wear a mask at busy times that is fine
- The separate year group gates and staggering of arrival times have been removed, however Year 11 will now enter and exit the site via Warmfield View and all other year groups will enter and exit the site via Arncliffe Road.
- Hand washing stations and sanitisers will remain, we will continue to ask students to wash and sanitise their hands regularly to maintain good hygiene habits.
- We will keep in place our one way system, IN and OUT doors and UP and DOWN stairs. This supports safety on our corridors, some of which are quite narrow. Our academy has grown in student numbers by approximately 100 students in the last two years. This September our new Year 7 will be the largest group the school has ever had at 180 students. The projections are that we will be full in every year group for the foreseeable future, hence the requirement for a safe and orderly manner of movement around the site.
- A teacher set seating plan will remain in place.
- You will have read that all schools have been asked to conduct two lateral flow tests on students (3-5 days apart) when students return in September. This information has been shared already, if you have not already done so can you please complete the attached form. [Covid consent form 2021](#)

The plan for returning is on the next page.

I am very proud of the achievements of the students this year and cannot wait to see the faces of Year 10 and Year 11 on results day 12 August.

Keep safe, continue to be resilient and have a restful break.

Yours faithfully



Michelle Colledge-Smith


  
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## Plan for returning

Date		
6 September 2021	Staff INSET day Y6 & Y11 Lateral Flow testing	All day Testing starts at 1:00 pm - All students arrive via the Warmfield View entrance
7 September 2021	<b>First day for Y7</b> - Students can arrive from 8 am via Arncliffe Road <b>First day for Y11</b> - Students can arrive from 8 am via Warmfield Drive  Testing for Y8, Y9 & Y10	All Y7 & Y11 students must be on site at 8:15 am ready to move at 8:20 am to start their Tutor time at 8:25 am.  Testing will commence from 9 am and a schedule will be sent out at a later date. All students arrive via the Warmfield View entrance and will leave site afterwards
8 September 2021	<b>All students in school</b>	
9 September 2021	Second test for Y7 & Y11 students	Completed onsite during the day
10 September 2021	Second test for Y8, Y9 & Y10	Completed onsite during the day

Links:

Uniform: : [Uniform Policy](#)iPay : [Register for iPay](#)



## Outwood Academy City Fields

As we start a new year we just wanted to remind students of the basics for the uniform.

### Required Academy Uniform

- Academy or plain white long or short sleeved shirt with a stiff collar.
- Academy trousers or skirt - black.
- Academy clip-on tie.
- Academy Jacket - black.
- Plain black socks (with trousers only) or 40 denier plain black tights (with skirts).
- Plain black shoes - no trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes will be allowed.

### Optional Academy Uniform


- Academy V neck jumper - sleeves need to be at full length.
- Academy V neck slip (tank top).

### Shirts, Jumpers and Jackets

- Jackets must be worn with the sleeves down.
- Sleeves on shirts, jumpers or jackets must not be rolled up at any time.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Only badges issued by the academy may be worn on jackets. Other badges, e.g. charity badges, must only be on outdoor coats or bags.
- Consequences can/will be issued for any uniform misdemeanour.

### PE & Dance kit

- Purple Academy polo top/Purple/black Academy reversible games top.
- Black Academy shorts.
- Plain black knee length games socks.
- Indoor trainers - Non-marking sole with laces, providing support to ankle & foot. Outdoor trainers - Good grip with laces providing support to the ankle & foot. Please note that pumps do not provide adequate support for the foot or ankle.




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### Shirt Policy


Only Academy or plain white shirts are to be worn. This can be short or long sleeved. We would encourage parents to buy shirts that are long enough to be comfortably tucked into skirts and trousers.

### Shoes


Only plain black shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform. The shoes should be free from embellishments and decorations. No trainer like shoes, boots, pumps or canvas shoes (including 'Vans') will be allowed. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1 inch.




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### Uniform support & Hardship fund

The Academy offers a Hardship Fund which can be accessed via our website: [Hardship Policy](#) all applications should be sent with supporting documentation to the Academy. Please contact the academy via [enquiries@cityfields.ourwood.com](mailto:enquiries@cityfields.ourwood.com) if you need this support or wish to discuss uniform support.

Forgotten Uniform? Students are able to borrow uniform from SID for 1 day. New Ties and Planners can be purchased through [iPay](#) and collected from SID.

I think it's a beautiful thing when you wear a uniform or a garb which represents a group of people, because what it immediately symbolizes is oneness, togetherness. **Nia Long**