

20th 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.

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.

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 and 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.

The term dates for next year can be found on our website <https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>  
Could we please ask that when planning your holidays you take note of these. As it 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
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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



Mrs E Abbott  
Academy Principal