

16 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As the first term draws to a close and we enter the festive period I wanted to initially take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy new year.

Throughout this academic year so far we have seen the academy return to more normal times with students once again having the opportunity to take part in sporting competitions and performing showcases. It has been a real privilege to be able to witness this and to work every day with all the incredible students and staff here at Outwood Grange Academy and I look forward to our return on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

You will have noted the amendments we have made recently to our uniform policy in response to the impact the cost of living is having on many of our families. In addition to this, it is worth noting that during the current cold conditions plain, black v-neck jumpers without logos will also be permitted. Such items are available from a number of larger supermarket outlets at reasonable prices. We hope you will welcome this amendment and thank you in advance for supporting us in maintaining our high standards on uniform.

Additionally in the new year, as a response to the recent survey that parents completed, we will be launching the new Parent Portal, to improve communication from school to home. This will allow you to see your child's attendance, Praising Stars, consequences, and praise logs. We recently sent a text with a link to confirm your email to access this when it is launched.

Please take the time to look after yourselves over the holidays. For student wellbeing support please visit: <https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>. For adult support please visit: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mr Andrew Downing
Principal