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Dear Parents/Carers

We were delighted to welcome all students back to Shirebrook Academy from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students have quickly settled back into a school routine and whilst there are still restrictions in place to protect the safety of all members of our school community, it is clear that students are enjoying their learning and benefitting from a classroom environment where they can learn with their teachers and peers present.

In order to ensure that students are ready to learn each day we place emphasis on the **5Ps – Present, Punctual, Prepared, Polite and Proud**. Our standards and expectations of students are ambitious because we know that this will encourage students to aim high and work hard to achieve their best. We are writing to ask for your support with the following:

### Present

It is important that student attendance is as high as possible. We have had a period of attendance interruption and we want to work in close partnership with students and their parents/carers to ensure that student attendance is the best that it can be. If you have any concerns regarding your child attending school, please don't hesitate to contact us. Measures in school are in place to safeguard the health and safety of all members of our academy community as per our risk assessment, and we will do everything that we can to support students in attending school.

### Punctual

Students should arrive at school no later than 08.40. This gives students time to line up and enter the building with their form tutors. It also gives ample time for students to sanitise their hands on the way into the academy building and ensure that they are wearing face coverings.

### Prepared

Students should be wearing full academy uniform including PE kit. Academy uniform details can be found in your child's journal – page 3. We recognise that some parents/carers may not have been able to source new items of uniform in time for the March return as children may have outgrown uniform items.



As such, we expect a minimum of white shirt/blouse and black trousers/skirt where there have been difficulties accessing new uniform items. Where students can access full uniform they should be wearing it. If there are any concerns regarding your child's uniform please contact their Pastoral Leader to discuss. Don't forget that if you are eligible you may use your Pupil Premium Voucher to help with the cost of new uniform items.

We expect all students to be back in full academy uniform by the **deadline date of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. This also includes a student's hair colour and style. As per the academy uniform policy, hair colour and style should be appropriate for school. This means that hair should not be dyed bright colours and there should be no extreme haircuts e.g. the shaving of patterns into hair. We are very proud of the impeccable uniform standards that all of our students have shown historically and we will work closely with you to ensure that this standard is reached and maintained again by all students from April 2021.

Being prepared for school also includes bringing appropriate equipment. We would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child has the following as a minimum:

- ✓ A black or blue pen
- ✓ A green pen
- ✓ A 30 cm ruler
- ✓ A pencil, eraser and pencil sharpener
- ✓ A highlighter
- ✓ A glue stick
- ✓ Set of coloured pencils

It is also helpful if your child has their own scientific calculator to avoid having to borrow one.

Students should bring their journal to school every day to support their learning.

### **Polite and Proud**

We are very proud of our students and how they have returned to the academy. Students are polite and courteous and understand the importance of re-establishing their routines and making the most of their learning opportunities.

We will continue to support our students and remind them of our shared standards and expectations. We would appreciate your support in communicating the importance of the 5Ps with your children.

Thank you for working in partnership with us. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact us using the contact details above.

Yours faithfully



Lindsey Burgin  
**ACET Assistant Principal**