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Reminders for the start of the new academic year 2022-23

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer break and that your children are ready for a new year of learning. Please accept this letter as a reminder of some of the key arrangements in place from **Wednesday 7th September 2022**.

1. Start date and timings

Shirebrook Academy will reopen to students on **Wednesday 7th September 2022**. Start times for year groups on Wednesday are:

08.40 – Year 7

09.10 – Years 8-11

Children should arrive on the academy site five minutes before their allocated time so that they are able to line up punctually. If students access the school bus, they should access it at the usual time and upon arrival at the academy, make their way to the Sports Hall. From **Thursday 8th September**, all students should arrive at the academy no later than **08.35**.

Students will be directed to their lining up points on the day and will be met by their new form tutors. They will be in form time until period 3 (11.10-12.00) when they will commence lessons.

2. Academy uniform

Full academy uniform should be worn by students returning from Wednesday 7th September.

Please note that students are **not permitted** to wear any type of trainers, sandals, open-toed, backless or canvas shoes. In cooler months, students can wear a plain black V-neck jumper. Students should wear tailored black trousers or a skirt.

Changes have been made to what is permitted in relation to piercings, with students able to wear a pair of plain studs in their ears. **Nose, tongue and other piercings are not permitted from 2022-23** and we are asking that parents/carers work with us to ensure that students new to the academy do not have these piercings.

Excellent learning begins with positive behaviour and attitudes and uniform is a key part of this. It is important that students wear their uniform with pride and value the collective sense of belonging it affords and the academy values it upholds. Wearing uniform is also an important aspect of safeguarding as Shirebrook Academy students can be easily identified on their journeys to and from school.

We thank you in advance for working with us to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for the start of term. If you have any questions regarding any aspects of uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.

3. Behaviour and Attitudes

Linked to work standards and presentation students should bring a school bag to the academy each day. Within their bags should be their learning journal, pencil case and any other equipment that they may need in line with their timetables e.g. PE kit. Essential stationery should include at least two pens, a pencil, ruler, eraser and scientific calculator.

Please be reminded that **mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the day on the academy site**. Mobile phones can be brought to the academy and used prior to the start of the academy day and at the end. Phones are not permitted to be used during break or lunchtime. If a student is seen with a mobile phone during the academy day it will be confiscated in line with the **Education and Inspections Act, 2006**. We would like to ensure that we focus on learning with children so we would appreciate your support in speaking to your child about the importance of following this important expectation.

We want what is best for your children and our students which is why we insist on the highest standards and expectations. Thank you for working with us and speaking to your children about their role and responsibilities as a learner prior to returning to the academy.

If you have any questions regarding any aspects of this letter, please do not hesitate to make contact with us using the contact details at the top of this letter or emailing enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to the academy next week.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Lindsey Burgin
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