

20 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **End of year letter - July 2023**

I write to you all at the end of the school year with news and updates for the next academic year, but also to say thank you. Your support for your children and our school community here at Outwood Normanby is very special, and is greatly appreciated.

I am indebted to each of my colleagues for all that they continue to do for our students and community. Their professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm are central to our students having the opportunities that they do to learn and thrive.

I extend my very sincere thanks to those colleagues who are leaving us this summer for new roles. I wish each of them well for the next step in their careers.

### **Term Dates 2023-2024**

We look forward to students returning safe and well in September 2023.

**Year 7 and 11** will return to school on **Wednesday 6 September 2023 before 8.20am.**

**Year 8, 9 and 10** will return to school on **Thursday 7 September 2023 before 8.20am.**

All term dates are always on our website: <https://www.normanby.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

Students must arrive at school **before 8.20am** each day to allow for a prompt start in tutor rooms at 8.25am. For those who would like to arrive earlier, and enjoy a nutritious breakfast, we welcome students into our new breakfast club from 8:00am. It is free of charge and will run each school day.

### **Attendance update**

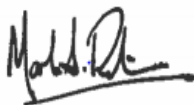
We have updated our attendance procedures following the publication of revised DfE guidance to schools (Working Together to Improve Attendance). From our return to school in September 2023, we will close the registers 30 minutes after the start of the school day. If your child arrives late after the close of the registers this will be marked as an unauthorised absence code in the register, impacting on overall attendance. Persistent lateness to the Academy is likely to lead to a fixed penalty notice.

## Uniform and equipment

Thank you for ensuring your child is in full uniform every day. Details of how to purchase additional uniform items are available on the uniform page on our website here: <https://www.normanby.outwood.com/uniform> Shirts, trousers/skirts PE socks and PE shorts can be bought anywhere, as long as they match our uniform expectations. All shoes must be plain, black and polishable. We do not allow jewellery, piercings, false nails, false eyelashes or makeup in school. Please can I insist that any summer piercings or nails should be timed so they are removable by the start of term. Students must have a sensible bag, at least A4 sized, such as a rucksack, to carry equipment to and from school and this should include a pencil case containing pens, pencils and a ruler.

We continue to be proud of our students' commitment to learning and kindness towards others, and I look forward to welcoming them back to school in September. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our school community. I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson

Principal