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Outwood Academy Adwick

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Dear Parent / Carer

Bus services

We are very aware of the challenges students and families have been experiencing with the recent timetable changes to the service buses from Skellow, Carcroft and Askern. We also understand that some services are now less frequent than previously seen.

Attendance and punctuality will always be high on our agenda as it is the foundation of students receiving their education and support, and teaches important life skills and expectations for the world of work.

Using your valuable feedback we have shared these concerns with Doncaster Council, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and the bus services directly. We have requested timings and capacity of services are reviewed to support our young people, especially as we head into these darker months.

I hope that the following information supports journey planning in the short-term to enable students to arrive punctual and ready for learning, and without the stresses of arriving late.

- Service 50a departs Carcroft, Owston Road/Lodge Road at 07:53 and reaches Windmill Balk Lane/Villa Road at 08:02.
- It is possible to travel on service 51 from Skellow, Five Lane Ends at 07:40 which reaches Carcroft, High Street at 07:45 to connect with the service 50a journey.
- Service 50 departs Skellow, Hawthorne Crescent at 08:08 and reaches Windmill Balk Lane/Villa Road at 08:17.

We are continuing to raise these concerns and await a further response, but in the meantime SYMCA have provided contact details to allow parents and carers to contact them directly if you require additional assistance or want to highlight your personal concerns.

<https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/contact>

Uniform & equipment

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support already this half-term in supporting your child in being prepared for learning. Last week we spoke to all students and celebrated the fantastic progress they have made and reminded them of our standards expectations that enable us to put our whole focus into great teaching and learning.

As a reminder please ensure your child is prepared and meeting the following expectations;

- They must bring with them everyday their school bag, planner and basic equipment.
- Uniform must meet the academy policy; Outwood branded skirts, trousers & blazers.
- No trainers, or hoodies at any time.
- No jewellery; earrings, bracelets, rings etc. Items will be confiscated.

If a student is missing any uniform or equipment they must attend the Student Information Desk (SID) before the start of the school day. For items such as missing student planners that were issued at the beginning of the term, you will receive a text to state that they have not got one with them and a replacement must be purchased costing £4.

All Year 7 students have also been issued with a reading ruler and a bronze ACE badge that should be with them at all times. Replacement rulers are available at a cost of £1.

iPAY

If families need new, or replacement equipment it can be purchased via our Parental Payments iPay system on the academy website. <https://www.adwick.outwood.com/parental-payments> or <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

If you haven't already; to set up this service, you will need an activation letter to access your account. If you haven't received an activation letter, please contact the Outwood Academy Adwick office at enquiries@adwick.outwood.com or by telephoning 01302 722237.

Student concerns & contact information

In assemblies we have been highlighting the impact of unkind behaviour, harmful sexualised behaviour and bullying, and how students should report any concerns.

We always ensure a high adult presence across the academy with Learning managers and senior leaders constantly circulating lessons and social times throughout the day, alongside having skilled teachers and teaching assistants in all lessons. Students also have access to the inclusion team, attendance team and daily sessions with their form tutor. We hope that this provides them with regular access to share concerns with adults.

But we're also conscious that sometimes children may prefer a different means to communicate with adults. Therefore we have introduced a student concerns post-box in SID that is checked daily, a form is about to be launched on our website alongside the usual enquiries email, and there is a Google classroom that all students will be able to access with a range of parent & student wellbeing and concerns resources.

We are extremely proud of a group of students who have completed the Diana Awards bullying ambassador training in York last half term and a team of Mental Health Ambassadors; building upon our Student Voice and peer support networks available to all students.

I would also like to again share our key adult contacts to provide parents & carers the opportunity to make direct communication at any time, in our commitment to supporting students.

Role	Member of Staff	Email address
Year 7 Learning manager	Ms Addy	e.addy@adwick.outwood.com
Year 8 Learning manager	Mrs Newsome	p.newsome@adwick.outwood.com
Year 9 Learning manager	Mrs Mann	s.mann@adwick.outwood.com
Year 10 Learning manager	Mrs Barnes	l.barnes@adwick.outwood.com
Year 11 Learning manager	Ms Gorton	k.gorton@adwick.outwood.com
Lead Learning manager & Safeguarding	Mrs Richardson	s.richardson@adwick.outwood.com
Inclusion manager	Mrs Simpkin	j.simpkin@adwick.outwood.com
SENCO	Mr Gibson	r.gibson@adwick.outwood.com
SEN Officer	Mrs Charlton	k.charlton@adwick.outwood.com

Social media

Thank you to everyone who has joined-up to follow our social media channels. It is great to see so many responses and 'likes' to recognise student achievements.

- **Instagram:** outwoodacademyadwick
- **Twitter:** OutwoodAdwick

We have another busy half-term ahead of us with Year 11 starting trial assessments this week and we pay our Remembrance respects throughout this week, culminating in our academy silence on Friday. We encourage people to wear poppies from Monday this week through until Friday 18th November as a mark of respect. Poppies can be collected from visitors' reception for a small donation.

I look forward to seeing parents and carers in the academy over the next few weeks as we launch a series of events in the run-up to Christmas. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Yours sincerely



Andy Scruby
Principal