

December 2018

Dear Parents

As we approach the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and happy new year. It has been an honour to lead the Academy throughout 2018 and whilst we are very pleased with the improvements that we have made, we realise that there is still much to do. We must ensure that we continue to sustain these improvements as we continue to build on our successes and intensely focus on improving the quality of progress and achievement for every student.

There have been a lot of highlights this term:

- House of Lords representatives visit to Skegness
- Baasit Siddiqui from Gogglebox 'Let's Pitch it' winners 2018
- Reward trips
- Christmas carol concert
- Community Christmas lunch and performance
- Halloween disco
- Academy pantomime
- Fundraising and charity work

I have had many positive comments from the community about our students. They have been a credit to you. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our students wear the uniform correctly and we appreciate your support in this area.

Uniform

We intend to make uniform a priority in terms of having high expectations of our students. Therefore, any student wearing incorrect uniform will be challenged at the school entrance. Students will be asked to change in our uniform triage as they enter the Academy. If there are unavoidable reasons why your child cannot wear the correct uniform, please provide them with a note explaining the reasons for this.

School trousers must be plain black trousers and of no other design. Skirts must be modest enough to be worn on the Academy site and have a high enough waistband to ensure shirts can be properly tucked in. Wide belts are not allowed. I would like to also mention that "jean style" or "jeggings style" school trousers are not permitted. Hoodies of any description are not allowed to be worn anywhere on the academy site.

Excessive hair styles are strongly discouraged and decisions about the suitability of an individual style are the responsibility of the Principal, whose decision will be final. 'Cuts' of any shape or design are not allowed, nor are multiple hair colours.

Equipment

All students are expected to come to school every day with the equipment they need to be successful. This includes a full set of stationery, PE kit, a reading book, and an appropriate school bag large enough to carry everything needed for school.

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Medication

In order to comply with health and safety guidelines and Academy policy, all medicines must be brought to the Academy in the original container with the prescriber's instructions for administration and dosage and must be in-date. All medication must be handed in to the Academy reception with a covering letter from the parent / carer on the day it is brought in to the Academy, and a written parental consent form must be filled in at Main Reception before any medication can be administered.

Without written consent the Skegness Academy Staff cannot administer ANY medication to your child.

Telephone Options

I would like to bring to your attention about a change to our telephone options since our recent IT upgrade: -

* To report a child's absence choose Option 1

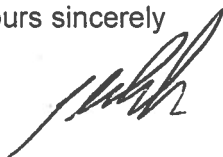
* Choose Option 5 if you wish to speak to Main Reception.

I would like to remind parents that due to the increased number of pupils and staff studying and working at the Skegness Academy, I would appreciate your co-operation in dropping off and collecting pupils outside the main gate on the Burgh Road. We have a number of buses that need to use the extended laybys outside the front of the Academy from 3.00 pm.

I am writing to inform you that pupils will finish at 1.20 pm on the last day of this term on Wednesday 19 December 2018. All students will have the opportunity to have an early lunch at 12.30 pm. I am writing also to confirm that all bus companies have confirmed that they will pick students up from the Academy at 1.30 pm. Pupils return to school after Christmas on Monday 7 January 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Skegness Academy and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Carlile
Principal