



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the school year comes to a close, I am writing to provide several updates and reminders to ensure a smooth start for students upon their return in September.

Return to School

- Year 7, year 12 and year 13 UCAS students will be joining the Skegness Academy on **Tuesday 3 September**
- Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and the remainder of year 13 will return to school on **Wednesday 4 September**.

Uniform

From September onwards, students will only be allowed to wear plain black, non-branded socks.

While there are no other changes to the school's uniform policy, please can I remind parents and carers about the following uniform expectations:

- Cropped trousers are not permitted. When purchasing uniform, please ensure that the trousers fully cover your child's ankles.
- Students are required to wear black, low-heeled leather or leather-type shoes that can be polished. Trainers or trainer-style shoes are not permitted.
- Students may wear a jacket or coat, however, hoodies, sport jackets, gilets, and leather jackets are not allowed.

If you require financial assistance to purchase any part of your child's uniform, please contact the Academy at adminsk@skegnessacademy.org.

Jewellery, Makeup, and Hairstyles

While your child may wish to experiment with their hair or consider additional piercings over the summer holidays, it is important that they adhere to the Academy's guidelines upon their return to school.

Hair must be of a natural colour, and emblems or lines are not permitted. Additionally, false eyelashes, false nails, and shaved lines in eyebrows are also not allowed. Students may wear a simple watch and one small stud in the bottom of each earlobe. However, no other piercings are allowed, and clear retainers are not permitted.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child comes to school fully equipped, including a pencil case containing a black pen, a red pen, a pencil, and a ruler, as well as a sufficiently large rucksack to carry all schoolbooks and equipment.

Attendance and Punctuality

For students to be successful at school, excellent attendance and punctuality are vital. I ask all parents and carers to ensure that their child attends school every day and on time.

I am delighted to attach a copy of our new Parent Handbook, which provides useful information on all aspects of school at the Skegness Academy.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. We have made significant improvements in all aspects of the school, which were recognised by the many visitors we had throughout the year. Our journey of improvement to make the Skegness Academy a school where every student is put on the path to a happy, successful, and fulfilling life will continue in September.

In the meantime, have a relaxing summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming all students back at school, fully equipped and in full uniform.

Yours sincerely



Claudio Gissendorf
Principal

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

This letter is to advise parents about any application for leave of absence from the Skegness Academy from September 2024.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013 removed the reference to holidays during term time and now provides that a leave of absence during term time will only be granted where an application is made in advance to the school and the school consider that the leave of absence should be granted due to exceptional circumstances relating to that application.

Should you fail to apply 4 weeks in advance for a leave of absence and/or the leave of absence does not constitute 'exceptional circumstances', then your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and a fixed penalty notice will be issued for that period of absence.

A fixed penalty notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children attending their school under the following legal framework:

- **Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.**
- **Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act**
- **In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 4448 of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty of either £80 or £160.**

This letter is a formal Fixed Penalty Warning should you cause your child to be absent from the Skegness Academy without authorisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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