



June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are quickly approaching the end of a busy and very productive year at Appleton Academy. We have finished SATs, phonics tests and GCSEs. Last week we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 pupils who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to prepare for their GCSE qualifications. Not only have they set the example for future years but they have been a credit to their families and to Appleton. We will miss them and wish them well in the future. Most of our Year 6 children will be staying with us but for a few, these are their last weeks at Appleton

There is one more INSET day to allocate and this will take place on **Thursday 18 July 2019**. The last school day will therefore be **Wednesday 17 July 2019**. This is a change to the term dates that were sent out to parents at the beginning of the year, with the Academy now closing to students one day earlier, as outlined above.

Before this academic year is even finished, we are preparing for next year. Uniform standards among students are improving every year and we thank you for your support with this. The governors have approved a change to the uniform for secondary pupils from September 2019 and we want to give you plenty of time to prepare for this. From September, the uniform for secondary pupils is changing to trousers only, which will make our uniform gender neutral. Although secondary aged pupils will not be allowed to wear skirts, primary children will still be able to wear skirts and pinafore dresses. Trousers must be tailored, loose fitting charcoal trousers. Leggings, jeggings, Lycra trousers and other tight fitting trousers will not be permitted.

As has been the case since the Academy opened in 2009; shoes must be formal, lace up, black shoes. Leisure shoes and trainers are not acceptable regardless of whether they have been bought from Clark's, Asda etc. An information sheet is enclosed to support you in buying the correct footwear. Students who attend school in shoes that are not formal, black, lace up shoes will be expected to wear shoes issued to them by staff from Academy stock or they will be placed in supervised break and lunch until they attend school in footwear that meets Academy policy.

We do have a number of pupils who have medical issues relating to their feet. In almost all cases, it is possible for the foot supports required to correct foot conditions to be used with formal shoes. Permission to wear shoes that do not meet Academy uniform requirements will only be considered where parents provide a formal letter from a professional medical consultant, explaining why a pupil cannot wear formal shoes. If this is something that affects your child, please ensure the consultant concerned knows that your child is not able to wear trainers in school.

Primary aged children can wear black shoes with Velcro straps but please make sure they are wearing lace up shoes by Year 5 or Year 6 to prepare them for secondary school. Primary aged children are not allowed to wear trainers.



Please help us to focus on education in September by ensuring your children start the school year wearing the correct uniform. Please also ensure that they are not wearing facial piercings, nail varnish or too much make up.

Appleton Academy tries to ensure the cost of uniform is as manageable as possible for families. The only items with a logo are the secondary blazer, primary sweatshirt and PE top. All other items can be bought at the supermarket as well as uniform shops. The V-neck jumper identified in the secondary uniform is an optional item and not necessary. If your child does need to wear a jumper, it must be a navy blue, V-neck jumper and no longer needs to have the Appleton logo. This item must be worn with, not instead of, the Appleton blazer.

If you have any questions relating to uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the main office, which is open throughout the summer break. Please be aware that responses to queries may take a little longer than usual during this time due to a smaller number of staff working in the summer.

I would like to once again thank you for your support this year and for your co-operation in ensuring we start the new academic year in September on a productive and positive note. I wish you and your children an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Jones".

Ms H Jones
Principal