



DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

Staffing update

Newsletter: Jan 2024

We are delighted to share; we have appointed a Head of Academy for the Dogsthorpe Academy. Mrs Emma Peacock joins us after Easter and will be responsible the day-to-day management of the academy. Mrs Peacock is an experienced school leader and will bring a wealth of skill and expertise to our academy.

Mr Raynor, caretaker left us earlier this month to take up a post at a larger, local secondary academy. We thank him for his hard work and wish him every success. Our estate is currently being looked after by site staff from our neighbouring Greenwood Academies Trust schools.

Our wonderful Mrs Dunford gave birth to a healthy baby girl earlier this month; please join us in passing on our congratulations! Mrs Dunford is keen to be back with us before the school year is out!

We are a NUT FREE school

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all families that we are a nut free school. No products which may contain nuts or do contain nuts should be brought onto the academy under any circumstance; we do have pupils with severe nut allergies – it is vitally important that these pupils are kept safe from harm. We kindly thank all families for your support with this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Lunchboxes should ideally contain healthy foods. At breaktimes, pupils may bring a healthy fruit snack only - items such as sweets/fizzy drinks will be confiscated. We politely request, water bottles contain water only.

Academy uniform

This half term in assemblies, we have been resetting some of our daily routines in the academy. Senior staff have been leading assemblies relating to our academy behaviour code – ***“Be safe, be ready, be respectful”***.

This week, the focus for assemblies is first impressions. We will be discussing behaviours around greetings when arriving at school each day as well as revisiting our expectations around school uniform. We believe wearing our uniform gives pupils a sense of ‘belonging’, helps foster pride in the Academy and stops pupils coming to school in inappropriate clothing or footwear.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parent/carers of our uniform policy. Further details can be found on our website here [**Dogsthorpe Academy - Uniform**](#)



- Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers with their uniform
- Pupils may wear plain, black tracksuits over their Dogsthorpe Academy PE kit on PE days only
- Make up is not allowed, this includes nail varnish/artificial nails.

In the event, any child(ren) are sent to school not wearing academy uniform, we will make contact and request uniform be brought to school.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and require any support providing uniform, please do talk to myself or Mr Warner, deputy principal. Likewise, any donations of good condition uniform that your child has grown out of would be gratefully received.

Update on the Dogsthorpe Den

A number of parent/carers have enquired as to when the Dogsthorpe Den will be reopening. I hope we will be in a position to update on this very shortly. I would appreciate if parent/carers wishing to use this facility would take the time to answer the short questionnaire on so we can have a clear idea of likely numbers. This Form will close at 9.00am on Thursday, 8 Feb 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/v0UUczB0H5>



Curriculum Redesign

Senior leaders in the academy have been very busy redesigning our curriculum offer. After half term, this will be available to view on the academy website. Our website has been fully updated – please take a look! www.dogsthorpeacademy.org

Dates for your diary

Friday, 2 February 2024	NSPCC Number Day. Number activities taking place in classes
WC 5 February 2024	Children’s Mental Health Week. Activities taking place in the academy
Friday, 9 February 2024	“Dress to express” Day – Children invited to wear clothing of their choice
Friday, 9 February 2024	Group of invited pupils to Youth Dreams Project SEND Multi-skills event at Stanground Academy
Friday, 16 February 2024	Term ends
19 – 23 February 2024	Academy closed – HALF TERM
Monday, 26 February 2024	Term starts
WC 4 March 2024	Book Week
Thursday, 7 March 2024	World Book Day – details to follow
18 & 20 March 2024	Parent/teacher Consultation Meetings – sign up details to follow
Tuesday, 26 March 2024	Easter competition – details to follow
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Term ends

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Redhead
Executive principal

