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Dear Parent / Carer

We hope that your child has thoroughly enjoyed their first two weeks at Outwood Academy Riverside. For the past fortnight, students have taken part in the Values Programme learning about what it means to be a part of Outwood Academy Riverside. Our Values programme consists of 9 values that will make our academy special and unique.

Courage	Protection	Truth, Integrity and Loyalty
Knowledge and Wisdom	Kindness and Compassion	Pride
Respect	Being Lion-Hearted	Mastering Emotions

I'm delighted to tell you that we had a wonderful celebration this afternoon where students were recognised for their commitment and dedication to the Values Programme. I'm very proud of them all indeed. They have produced some beautiful work this week and I look forward to seeing them in their subject lessons from Monday.

As a reminder, students need to arrive at the school by 8.20am each day. They will line up in tutor groups and will be escorted into the building by their form tutor. School finishes at 2.30pm where they will be similarly lined up on the yard, ready to be collected, unless the children wish to stay at school for enrichment sessions which will begin the week commencing 14th September.

### Uniform

Full uniform is to be worn by students. However, we understand that in the winter months students will want to wear a warm coat before they enter and after they exit the school building. This includes full uniform to be worn each day as well as full PE kit on Mondays. All students will participate in PE on Mondays. Please ensure their full kit is clean and brought into school every Monday. Students will be using the fantastic PE facilities at Middlesbrough College and this takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to.

### Equipment

Students should bring with them their own basic equipment as a minimum. This includes a pen, pencil and ruler. If students wish to bring additional equipment, we would be very happy with this and items could include an eraser, coloured pens and pencils etc. Basic equipment is safely accessible at school but we do recommend students bring their own equipment.

### Expectations

- We anticipate that students may want to have access to a mobile phone on their way to and from school. As a Trust, we do not expect students to use their phones at any point during the school day. Our expectation is that any mobile phone is switched off and in their bag for the entire school day.
- Please do not allow your child to bring in items that are not allowed in the academy – crisps, chocolate, sweets, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, and chewing gum. If these items are seen they will be confiscated and disposed of. Food will not be allowed to be eaten in the outside yard area.
- We expect students to only drink water. A supply of fresh water will be made available for the students to access throughout the day. However, we do ask that they fill their bottles up outside of lesson time.

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- The only item of jewellery that can be worn by students is a watch. We do not allow earrings, piercings, rings etc of any kind.
- Hair should be of a natural colour palette and any bobbles / hair accessories need to be black or purple. Makeup is not allowed in the academy; nail extensions and nail varnish are also not permitted.
- Planners should be signed every week by a parent/carer at home. In lessons, students are expected to have their planner open on their desk on the appropriate day. A student's planner is also an effective means to communicate with your child's tutor.
- During this week, students have been introduced to Google Classroom. This platform will be where students can access the learning of the week as well as additional learning set by subject leaders. Please go to our website and complete the 'Parent Access to Technology Survey' by Sunday 13th September.

If you have any further questions about starting at Outwood Academy Riverside you can contact us on [enquiries@riverside.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@riverside.outwood.com) or through our social media pages [@OARiverside](#) on Twitter and [@outwoodriverside](#) on Facebook.

Yours faithfully



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