

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head towards what is the end of a very unusual academic year, we hope you and your families are well and that the last few weeks in Year 6 have been successful, with students managing to enjoy some of the end of year activities that would have usually taken place.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to their new school in September, and would like to take this opportunity to share some really important information with you, before we all break up.

Firstly, we want to thank you for your support so far, helping your son/daughter to access the transition website and all the information available on there. If you have not managed this yet, the site remains live and can be accessed via the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/danum.outwood.com/oadtransitionwebsite>

We also hope that you have felt supported by the transition days and visits that have taken place over the half term, giving your son/daughter the confidence to start secondary school in September, and the opportunity to ask questions.

To help to try and put your mind at rest, in these unprecedented times, we wanted to let you know what else we have been doing to support Year 6 children in their transition to secondary school. As a Trust, leading executives and senior leaders have been meeting weekly to discuss plans for the Year 6 transition, as we know how important it is to ensure a successful integration into our schools. During these meetings all aspects of transition have been discussed, with our most recent objective to look at bespoke planning for the September start.

With this in mind, we are endeavouring to ensure that the necessities of starting secondary school are blended with some of the transition activities missed, whilst also clearly planning for students to gain the skills needed for the next stage in their academic life. In addition, we are considering how best to identify and close any gaps that have appeared in skills and knowledge during the 'lockdown' period.

We have been in contact with primary schools to gather pastoral and academic data, so we are best placed to plan for all aspects of their schooling, including any additional needs that they may have.

September still brings many challenges for schools, and we wanted to share some of the specific details regarding the first few weeks with you.

Lateral Flow Testing and Start of Term Dates

Outwood Grange Academies Trust, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

The government has requested that students continue to complete lateral flow device (LFD) Covid tests over the summer holidays and tests should be completed twice weekly during this period please.

Schools are also required to lateral flow test all students on-site for asymptomatic Covid on return following the summer holidays. This approach is based on the latest public health advice to help break chains of transmission in education settings after the summer holidays when students may have been mixing with lots of people.

The date of this test and return to school dates are as follows, please note that there is a staggered start for year groups as a result of the testing:

Year Group	Date of First Lateral Flow Test	First day back in School Date
7	Thursday 2 nd September 12.00pm- 3.00pm	Friday 3 rd September 8.20am

There will be one further test in school within five days of the first test.

Parents will need to give consent for their child to be tested, consent can be given by filling in this form: <https://forms.gle/ehPJ6oxAEJNs5Htr8> . Thank you for your support with this. Please note we will not test any student for whom we have no consent for.

Please can students report to the main reception on the 2nd September where they will be directed to the test centre.

Uniform Collection

We hope that you have managed to complete your order with Trutex, but please get in touch via the transition email if not. The collection day is Friday 30th July please see below for the specific time slot allocated via surname.

DATE OF EVENT: FRIDAY 30 TH JULY 2021		
Distribution Event Time	Group to attend time slot (First letter of surname)	No of Students (Per time slot)
11am - 11.30am	A & N	30
11.30am - 12pm	B & F	30
12pm - 12.15pm	C & E	15
12.15pm - 12.30pm	D & G	15
12.30pm - 12.45pm	H & I	15
12.45pm - 1pm	J & K	15
1.30pm - 2pm	L & M	31
2pm - 2.15pm	O, P & T	17
2.15pm - 2.30pm	Q & R	14
2.30pm - 3pm	S	29
3pm - 3.15pm	U, V, W, X, Y & Z	15

It will be distributed from main reception and staff will be on hand to support with distribution and social distancing.

We request that when you are informed of your collection time you make arrangements so that just one adult comes to collect the bundle to limit the number of people on site. The bundle can then be taken home and tried on, and if any aspect needs changing then you will be able to bring it back at a designated time the following day on Monday 9th August.

DATE OF EVENT: MONDAY 9 TH AUGUST 2021		
Exchange Event Time	Group to attend time slot (First letter of surname)	No of Students (Per time slot)
10.30am - 11.20am	A & N	30
11.20am - 12.10pm	B & F	30
12.10pm - 12.35pm	C & E	15
12.35pm - 1pm	D & G	15
1pm - 1.25pm	H & I	15
1.55pm - 2.20pm	J & K	15
2.20pm - 3.10pm	L & M	31
3.10pm - 3.35pm	O, P & T	17
3.35pm - 4pm	Q & R	14
4pm - 4.50pm	S	29
4.50pm - 5.15pm	U, V, W, X, Y & Z	15

First Day

As mentioned already, the return date for year 7 will be Friday 3rd September, and we expect to see students arrive before 8.20am, students will be directed by staff to the main hall where they will then be informed of their vertical mentor group (VMG) and taken to their VMG base to start the programme for the day.

During the day students will be given their planners and timetables, have a tour of the school, receive a presentation from the Principal and spend time with their tutor, going through lots of the details that they will need to know to successfully get started at Outwood Academy Danum. The day will finish at 2.30pm.

Lunch

The Academy uses an online payment system 'ipay' for lunches, trips and any additional payments that may be needed whilst your child is at school with us. We are a fully cashless school so students never have to worry about carrying cash.

We will be issuing login details during the first day and when you receive these please use these with the associated information leaflet to set your child's account up and place money on it. When this is done then your child will be able to purchase food from the restaurant. We have scheduled some time in the morning programme on the first day to complete the thumb print process, so that they can start to use the system as soon as their account is set

up. All students will receive a free school meal on day one however we do ask that your account is created with credit on ready for Monday 6th September.

All dietary requirements can be catered for, but please contact us if you have questions or concerns about the food on offer. Some students still opt to bring a packed lunch regularly, and this is absolutely fine, these students still eat with their peers in the restaurant.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. And for regular updates on Academy news and events, follow us on:

Twitter: twitter.com/OutwoodDanum

Facebook: en-gb.facebook.com/outwoodacademydanum

Website: danum.outwood.com

We are looking forward to a successful start in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a cursive 'G'.

Mrs J. Gaunt