



Armthorpe Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID Update

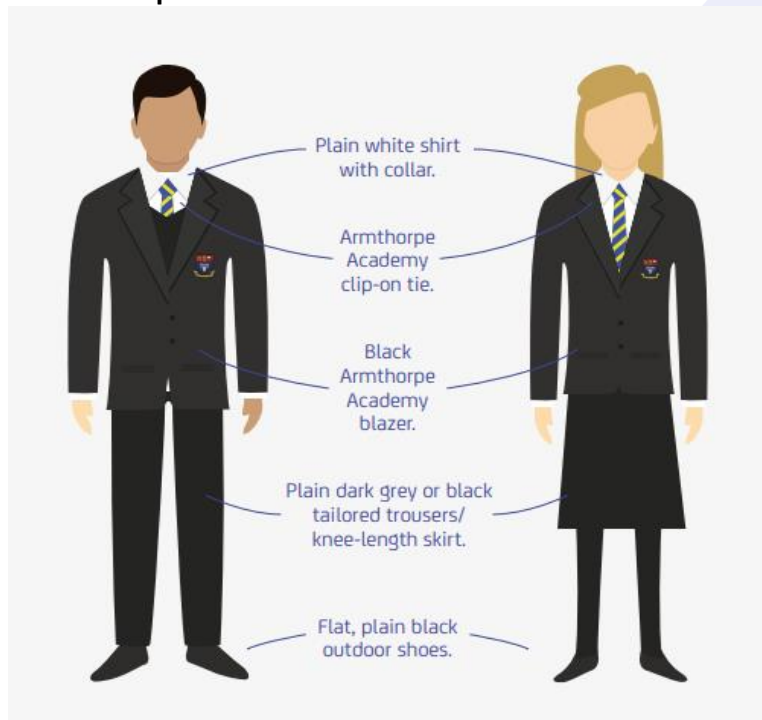
Unfortunately, infection rates are on the rise across the country again. This week, we have had a couple of positive cases in school which has led to 60 students now isolating in Year 8. The students were both asymptomatic, which again, highlights the importance of continuing to use the lateral flow tests twice weekly at home to help protect our school community. You may have seen this week that following positive cases the government intend to replace isolation periods for school children with daily lateral flow tests in September. This is a measure we welcome to keep our young people in school. We are currently reviewing government guidance and will update you in due course about testing, as it looks like staggered starts may be necessary again in September. In the meantime, we have made the decision that all stakeholders will wear face coverings in classrooms again until we break up for Summer. The vast majority of students have responded extremely well this week showing maturity and understanding. We would be grateful if you could re-iterate the importance of face coverings again at home.

Enrolment Day

As discussed last week, a link has been emailed to all parents/carers this week to enable an appointment to be made for enrolment day. Just a reminder that only one 30 minute appointment is required per family, not per pupil. If you have missed the email, please see the link below:

<http://bitly.ws/f4FV>

Uniform September 2021



There are no changes to the uniform from September other than footwear (see next page).

The difference will be our expectations; it is essential we all take a *pride* and *responsibility* in our appearance and *respect* the rules. Uniform rules will need to be met by all students.

The new logo will not be on branded items until September 2022. Parents/carers are not expected to purchase new uniform, just replace as and when necessary.

Please note, coats can be worn over a blazer, but hoodies and denim jackets are not allowed on school grounds.

Shoes

Shoes should be plain black. For safety reasons, shoes should be flat or very low healed. No trainers, pumps, platform soles or canvas shoes are allowed. Given many of the girls have flat Vivienne Westwood decorative shoes already, we will allow these until September 2022 to save parents money replacing unnecessarily. However, please do not buy ballet shoes of this type new; ballet shoes where possible should be plain. We have been asked about Kickers; Kickers are fine if they are shoes not boots. We are striving to create a universal uniform that is cost effective for all parents/carers. Should you be in doubt, please do not hesitate to email us with pictures of shoes before you purchase.



Slip On Styles



Lace Up Styles



Slip On Styles (to be worn with black socks or tights)



Lace Up Styles

The following styles of footwear do **NOT** meet the school's uniform policy:



UGG Boots



Leather Plimsolls



Deakin Boots



Timberland Boots



Black leather trainers



Gladiator Sandals



Velcro Sports Shoes



*** Decorative Ballet**

Piercings

Just a reminder that nose piercings are not permitted in school. There appears to be a craze at present. If your child has a nose piercing over Summer, they will need to either remove or wear a clear stud at school. Likewise, just one pair of earrings should be worn, so if your son/daughter is planning on having a second piercing, please ensure this is planned for the start of the holiday so earrings can be removed before we return to school in September.

Safeguarding Update

Please find attached to this week's newsletter our latest online safety newsletter. We would be grateful if you could read in conjunction with your child.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

