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Dear Parent/Carer

End of the Academy Year

As the school year draws to a close we would like to thank you for your support during the Covid-19 pandemic and to give you details about the start of next term and other important information.

End of Term Arrangements	School will close on Friday 23rd July 2021 at 12.20pm
Staffing update	<p>This summer, we will be saying farewell to some of our staff. Mr Prinsep, Mr Peaker, Mr Nicholson, Mr Rayfield, Mr Dawson, Mrs Cambell and Miss Cooper will be moving on to pastures new and Mrs Shillito is retiring. We wish them the very best of luck for the future.</p> <p>Next year, Mrs Hanby will be working on secondment at another school in the Trust.</p> <p>Some new staff will be joining us from September:</p> <p>Mr W Bush - Headteacher Mr L Beckett- Teacher of Computing Mr J Seymour- Teacher of Maths Miss R Clarke- Teacher of English Miss H Williams- Teacher of English Miss R McCabe – Teacher of English Miss L Ridley- Teacher of Design Technology Miss L Tillotson- Teacher of History</p>
Information pack	Included with this letter are further details about September, a parent booklet and a full uniform list. <u>please read these carefully as they contain important information.</u>
Uniform Requirements	<p>Please check the Academy uniform requirements in the enclosed booklet or on our academy website, prior to the start of term in September. Responding to parental request, we will again be holding 'uniform checking sessions' where if you wish you can call in with the uniform you have purchased and we will check it meets our regulations before the start of the school year. Please keep labels on and receipts so you can return any items not required for a refund.</p> <p>Please come to main reception.</p> <p>Thursday 12th August 10:00am – 12.00pm Monday 6th September 10:00am – 12.00pm</p>
Term Time Holidays	<p>As you are already aware Castleford Academy does not authorise term time holidays. As an Academy we must follow the Department for Education regulations regarding term time holidays. The amendment of these regulations make it clear that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority may issue a penalty fine for term time holidays. The cost is currently £60.00 per parent per child, which increases to £120.00 if this is not paid within 21 days. Unpaid penalties may result in legal action. If you are asked to isolate, please contact school to let them know. If you must quarantine following a holiday, in line with government guidance, this will be classed as an unauthorised absence.</p>

Dropping Off and Collecting Pupils From School	Healdfield Road can get very busy before and after school. The road leads to a residential area and is the only access road for emergency vehicles. If you are dropping off/collecting your child please do this well away from Healdfield Road. If you do have to travel up Healdfield Road please turn left by the Healdfield pub and exit via Eastfield Lane rather than trying to turn round in the road. Could you also avoid double parking on Healdfield Road as this leads to dangerous traffic jams.
Free School Meals	Did you know that the Academy is entitled to extra money for pupils who have free school meals? We encourage you to apply if you think you may be eligible. You can apply via the Wakefield Council website. You will usually qualify if you are in receipt of the following: Income Support Income-based Job Seekers Allowance Income-related Employment and Support Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 The guaranteed element of Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190). Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). If you need to contact somebody over Summer regarding Free School Meals, please contact 01924 305061.
School Meal Price Increase	Please note that due to inflation, there will be an increase in the cost of school meals from September 2021. This still represents very good value for a nutritionally based two course mid-day meal at a cost of £2.60 when compared with charges made by commercial outlets.
Lunchtime Arrangements	Due to increased capacity of lunch time areas all pupils will remain indoors at lunchtime.
Start of Term in September	Info to follow regarding start dates and testing arrangements for September. Pupils will be required to wear full uniform and attendance at school is compulsory.

On the final day, we will be having a non-uniform day. Students are asked to pay £1.00 or 50p if they have brothers or sisters in the academy. This is for the privilege of wearing non-uniform. The money collected from this day will be given to the prefects chosen charity.

Normal school rules apply on hair, jewellery, piercings, make up and nails. All clothing worn should be suitable for a school environment and therefore fancy dress, onesies, cropped tops or vest tops which show bare skin will not be allowed. **If your child wears any of these items, or items unsuitable for school, they will be placed into Step Up for the morning and will not be allowed to attend lessons.** If your child has PE, they must bring their PE kit.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Mr Guest, Deputy Headteacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school this year. May we take this opportunity to wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully



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Mrs D Cook
Associate Headteacher

