



SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Skegby Junior Academy and a very warm welcome to our new children and families in Year 3. I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and you have made lots of lovely family memories.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September – Visits from the Life Education Team

Friday 20th September – School photos – see below

Thursday 17th October – Non-Uniform Day (bring a bottle) - details to follow

Thursday 17th October – The Academy closes, to children, for half term

Friday 18th October – INSET Day

Monday 4th November – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th November – The Academy re-opens, to children, for the second part of the Autumn term

Morning Routine

Lessons begin at 8.45am so it is really important that children are lined up on the playground ready to start their day. All staff will be on the playground from 8.40am if you need a *quick word* with your child's teacher. If you need to speak at length to a member of staff, please go to the office to make an appointment or contact the teacher on Class Dojo, this will ensure that the children's learning time is not disrupted. There will be a member of staff on duty from 8.30 each morning so children should not arrive before this time. Thank you.

Reporting a Child's Absence

If your child is absent, please call the main office (01623 460329) and either speak to a member of our Admin Team or leave a voice message. You can also leave a message for our office staff on Class Dojo. Please don't leave Class Teachers a message on Dojo as they are teaching and not always able to check their messages throughout the day. Thank you.

Class Letters

Your child will also have brought home a letter from their teacher today, along with their Knowledge Organisers and their homework menus. The letter will give you an outline of what they will be learning this half term. If you have any questions regarding this, please ask your child's teacher at the end of the day.

Academy Uniform

All children are expected to wear the full Academy uniform, at all times. Please refer to our uniform policy on the website. All children also need an Academy PE kit. During cold weather, children can wear black or grey jogging bottoms, with their Academy jumper over their PE top. Children should not wear any other jumper or hoodie on PE days.

Please ensure every item of your child's uniform and PE kit is named.

I would also like to remind everyone that children are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish and for health and safety reason, they are only allowed to wear one pair of small stud earrings and a small watch. Facial piercings and multiple piercings are not allowed. Earrings need to be removed or covered for PE and Forest School and removed for swimming.

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Unwanted Uniform

If your child has grown out of their uniform or if it is no longer needed, please consider donating it to the Academy, for our pre-loved stock. Items are 50p or £1. Donations of unwanted uniform can be left at the main office. Thank you.

Personal Belongings

The Academy provides all the equipment your child needs for their learning so children should not bring in their own pencil cases. Also, we do not allow children to bring toys, unless requested by the class teacher. It can be very upsetting if a child's belongings are lost or broken. Thank you for your understanding.

Mobile Phones

Children are only allowed to bring their mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without an adult. Phones must be turned off as soon as children enter the school premises and given to class teachers at the start of the day. Mobile phones will be stored in the main office throughout the day and given out again at home time. Mobile phones are left in school at your own risk and we cannot take any responsibility for them. Thank you for your understanding.

Dogs

I would like to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Bikes and Scooters

I would also like to remind everyone that children should not be riding bikes and scooters on school premises. In the interests of everyone's safety, children should push them to and from the bike sheds. Any child coming to school on a bike or a scooter needs to wear a helmet for their own safety. Thank you.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Friday 20th September to take individual and family group photographs. If you would like a photograph with siblings who do not attend our school, please come to the school hall between 8.00 and 8.40. Individual photographs will be taken during school time. All children should wear the correct school uniform and hair accessories should be small and in the colours of the Academy. Thank you.

Attendance

The Government have made changes to its expectations on school attendance, this includes an increase in fixed penalty fines and prosecutions for unauthorized absences, including holidays. Please refer to the separate letter, sent out last term, explaining this. If you have any questions, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Dove.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I am looking forward to seeing the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Marples.
Principal.