

15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Updates for Parents / Carers

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing with updates for you for this term.

### Reminders

As we continue to experience adverse weather, we are happy for our students to wear a plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan (no logos or sweatshirts) underneath their blazer. Please remind your child that this is to be worn with their blazer not instead of it. Please support us by making sure that your child also has appropriate school shoes.

Please can I also remind you of our mobile phone policy; it is expected that student phones are switched off and out of sight once students cross over our yellow line and are in school. If a student phone is seen by an adult, or if it goes off in school, students will be asked to give the phone to a staff member and it will be returned at the end of the school day. Thank-you in advance for your support in ensuring that mobile phones don't disrupt our learning.

Over the past weeks, we have been restocking student equipment and have handed out pens, pencils and highlighters to students that required them. Please check that your child has the appropriate equipment for school each day so that they are ready for their working day.

### Student Medication

There may be exceptional circumstances where your child requires medication during the school day. In order to administer medication during the day we require specific consent from you. The consent form can be completed in a hard copy or is available on our website to complete online under: **Parents – Supporting your Child**. If you require any support with this, please contact the academy office.

### Student Uniform

We have two approved retailers for our academy uniform. Better and Bright in Castleford Market and CWS Schoolwear for general uniform and SPT Uniforms for our skirts. Details of how to order or make purchases from these suppliers can be found on this page of our website <https://www.airedaleacademy.com/uniform/> . Please do not purchase academy

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logo uniform from other retailers as they are not part of our uniform policy. Uniform not bearing the academy logo may be purchased from any stores.

Uniform is also available from the Airedale Uniform Exchange; their details can be found on the above link for our uniform page on the website.

### **Class Charts Student App**

Following the success of the Class Charts Parents App, we are very excited to be able to now offer the Class Charts Student App. This is a brand new communication tool for students, who will be able to use Class Charts to keep informed of their own REWARDS, as well as BEHAVIOUR. If your child receives a PRIDE Point during the day, this will be recorded by staff onto Class Charts and the student can view this directly online afterschool on their app.

Between 5 and 10 PRIDE POINTS are awarded in each class by all teachers. Students earn them each week for 100% attendance, 100% equipment and 100% uniform. In addition to this, pupils can earn PRIDE POINTS for independent learning, extra-curricular activities and for showing Airedale Academy values.

Each student will receive a Class Charts Student App code which will allow them to access their own data.

Thank-you for your continued support during the Spring term.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss L Proctor**  
**Principal**