

Lord Derby Academy

Standards and Expectations

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we look forward to the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with the Academy's drive to continuously raise our high standards. I am immensely proud of our school and I am delighted to be working together with parents and carers to ensure the best possible learning experience for our pupils.

As you are aware, we are very ambitious for our school community and we will always strive for excellence in all areas. On a daily basis our first priority is to ensure every child is safe. You will be fully aware of our traditional values and our high aspirations for all pupils who attend Lord Derby Academy.

As we continue to move the school forward from September 2021 onwards, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of our key expectations:

Key items for the school day:

Your child must arrive to school fully prepared for the day ahead. All pupils **must** have:

- A large school bag (minimum size = 40cm x 30 cm)
- A planner (to be issued on the first day back to all pupils)
- A dictionary (to be issued on the first day back to all pupils)
- A reading book
- A pencil case containing:

Black pen x 2

Green pen

Pencil

Ruler

Eraser

Yellow, Orange, Green, and Pink Highlighters

Scientific Calculator

Stationary items can be purchased through school via ParentPay only. There is no facility for any cash transactions.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Attendance and achievement are very closely correlated and it is proven that pupils with high attendance achieve higher grades. We expect all pupils to arrive punctually by **8:38am** and to aim for attendance of **at least 97%** in order to maximise all learning opportunities.

The school **cannot** authorise holidays during term time and reserves the right to issue Fixed Penalty Notices in association with the School Attendance Service for periods of unauthorised absence and persistent absence without medical evidence. Please be aware that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.

For any parent whose child is a persistent absentee or whose attendance is inconsistent the school will act upon this, issuing consequences in line with our Attendance Procedures in line with Knowsley Local Authority guidance.

Uniform:

Pupils should travel to and from school in full school uniform.

School shoes must be plain black shoe style with leather upper. Boots, smart trainers, multi-coloured shoes and footwear with coloured piping, logos, soles and laces are **not permitted**. Please note **if it looks like a trainer it is a trainer**. Please see the separate letter from Miss Pope regarding appropriate footwear.

Black socks are to be worn in school at all times, this includes P.E. lessons.

Outdoor coats should be removed when on site and can be placed in the cloakroom area.

Hooded tops are **not allowed** and will be confiscated if brought into school.

All pupils must have the established school kit for every P.E. lesson and parents/carers are responsible for replacing any items of lost kit.

Parents/Carers are able to buy tracksuit bottoms/fleece tops from the school kit range. Non-school items are not allowed.

Jewellery:

Pupils are **not allowed** to wear any jewellery other than a watch. **No piercings of any kind are allowed. Pupils who have piercings/studs must remove them during school hours.**

Haircuts:

Extreme haircuts (e.g. shaved No.1) and colouring, which is in stark contrast to natural tones, **are not acceptable**. Hair must be tied up if it is long enough to do so. Ribbons and headbands must be plain black, white, grey or burgundy and only small in size. Long hair in the face is not permitted. Fringes must be cut above the eyes or secured by a clip so as not to impede vision.

Facial hair:

Pupils must be clean shaven.

Make-up:

The wearing of any type of make-up, including false eyelashes, false nails and nail varnish etc., **is not allowed**. This includes permanent and semi-permanent make up. Please be aware, false tan **is not allowed**.

Chewing gum:

Is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices (including Smart Watches):

These are not permitted on the school site. If it is necessary for a pupil to bring an electronic device into school, such as a mobile phone, it must be signed in on arrival to school at Student Services otherwise if it is seen, it will be confiscated. If an electronic device is confiscated it will only be given back to a parent or carer. Pupils must not access a device belonging to another person.

Drinks:

Pupils can only bring water into school. Water should be contained in a clear bottle. A range of healthy drinks can be purchased from the school canteen. Bottles must not exceed 750ml.

Additional Information:

Parent Pay:

Please note that all parents/ carers should now be using Parent Pay as a means to top up a pupil's money for food. If you need your details reissuing, please contact Student Services on 1st September 2021.

I appreciate your support in ensuring your child meets with the core expectations of Lord Derby Academy.

I look forward to seeing your child at the beginning of term.

Yours sincerely,



Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher