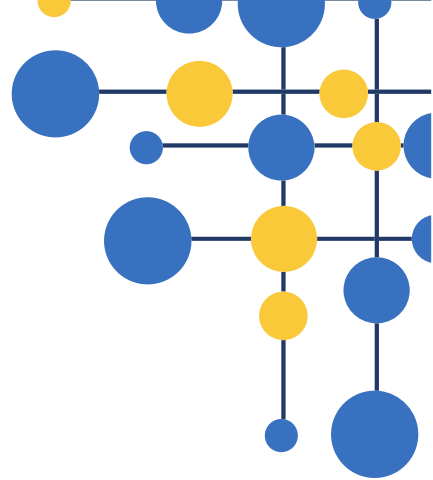




Friday 28th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students and families as we begin the new academic year at Whitcliffe Mount Academy.

As we start this new chapter together, I am excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring for our students. We are committed to ensuring that every young person at Whitcliffe Mount is supported to achieve their very best, both academically and personally, in an environment where we all strive to **Work Hard, Model Kindness and Aim High**.

The start of a new school year is an important opportunity to establish positive routines, build strong relationships and set high expectations for success. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back and supporting them to make the most of the year ahead.

Start of Term Arrangements

We are excited to welcome **all** students back on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. Students should arrive by **8.20am** ready for an important first day, which will include our academy Routines Reset, year group assemblies and induction activities before lessons begin later that morning.

Please note that all students will be starting at the normal time of 8.20am on Wednesday 2nd September, and there will be **no** staggered start for year groups, which has been the case in previous years.

Attendance on the first day is essential as we establish expectations and prepare students for a successful year ahead. The attendance team will be conducting home visits, where needed, for any absent students across the first few days to ensure all of our students are engaged with school and families are supported to achieve positive attendance.

Uniform Expectations 2026/27

One of the most important ways we establish high standards from the very first day is through our school uniform. We ask all families to ensure that students return in September wearing the correct uniform and ready to represent Whitcliffe Mount with pride.



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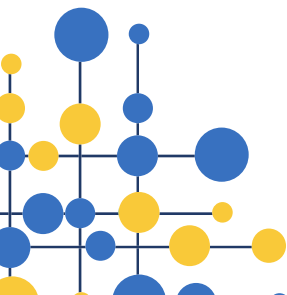
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In particular, I would like to emphasise our expectations regarding school skirts. Skirts must be an **appropriate tailored** school skirt in line with our uniform policy and of an **appropriate length**. Please check carefully when purchasing uniform. Students arriving in skirts that are considered inappropriately short will be required to change into school trousers before attending lessons. Leggings are also **not** part of the school uniform and will not be permitted.

Please also ensure your child arrives to school in **plain black** school shoes. **Trainers, Crocs, sandals and pumps etc are not part of the uniform policy** and will not be permitted around the academy. Phone calls home will be made for any students arriving in incorrect uniform, with families required to bring in the necessary items so we appreciate your support in helping us avoid unnecessary disruption by ensuring uniform is correct from the first day.

Students should also return with a **suitable school bag** and be ready to make the most of every learning opportunity from day one. In September, we will provide every student with a pencil case containing essential equipment; however, students are expected to carry spare equipment and arrive fully prepared for learning. It is an expectation that students carry their **pencil case in their school bag at all times**.

From September, we will no longer be issuing students with a planner. Instead, they will receive a form diary that will remain in their PD form room and will contain all the vital information students require. All students will be provided with a printed copy of their timetable, which can be stored in either their blazer pocket or pencil case.

Student Drop-Off and Collection

To support the safety of our students and help reduce congestion around the school site, there will be some important changes to drop-off arrangements from September.

The small car park located at the side of the school will **no longer** be available for parent drop-off or collection. In addition, parents and carers should **not** use the main school car park when dropping off or collecting students unless they have been issued with a school pass owing to mobility needs or exceptional circumstances.

For the safety of our students and out of respect for our neighbours, we also ask that parents and carers do not stop or park directly outside the front of the school to drop off students.

Where possible, please park a short distance away from the school and encourage your child to walk the remainder of the journey onto the school site. This will help to ease traffic congestion, improve safety for everyone travelling to and from school, and support positive relationships with our local community.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us ensure a safe and calm start and end to the school day for all members of the Whitcliffe Mount Academy community.

Looking Ahead

We are excited about the opportunities that this academic year will bring and are committed to continuing to build a culture where every student can flourish. The partnership between home and school is vital to achieving the very best outcomes for our young people, and we thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to welcoming all students back and working together to ensure a successful and rewarding year for everyone in our academy community.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Zoe Ali', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Zoe Ali
Headteacher

