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Dear Families,

As we near the end of the academic year, I wanted to write to you to update you on the progress being made to bring Brumby Junior School into the Outwood Grange Academies Trust Family of Schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has been a pleasure to work with your children and meet so many of you over recent weeks. Outwood Grange Academies Trust staff have been working closely with both the school and North Lincolnshire County Council to begin implementing new ways of working in readiness for the planned transition.

We have now implemented a number of the strategies that will lead to rapid improvement within the academy. The school day has been restructured, a new behaviour policy has been implemented and children are enjoying working within our engaging curriculum.

I am sure that you will be aware of our praise system which has been implemented this term at Brumby Junior. The children have been working hard to gain 'Super Swirls' for showing our academy expectations in action. Our expectations are simple: Be Safe; Be Respectful; and Be Responsible. This positive praise strategy will continue in September.

I hope that you have now received the uniform which we have provided for your child. Many of you may wish to add further items in readiness for September. Items containing the academy logo can be purchased through Trutex. All other items are unbranded and can be purchased from wherever is most appropriate for yourselves.

The school uniform from September will be as follows:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (plain)

Summer uniform (purple dress, white socks, black shoes) may be worn after the Easter holidays until the academy closes in July

Children also require a PE kit consisting of:

- Purple t-shirt (with school logo)
- Black shorts
- Back socks

Could I also take this opportunity to remind families that it is the Trust policy that jewellery should not be worn by children in school. This includes the wearing of earrings. If you are hoping to have your child's ears pierced then the summer holiday is a good time for this as it allows a long period of time for the healing to take place. If there any medical reasons that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Vickers.

In terms of next year, you will have received information about the new academic year from Mr Vickers. We are in a position to confirm the holiday dates along with many of the planned INSET Days. Could I please ask that when planning your holidays you take note of these. As is the national policy and our own policy – all holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time may result in a fixed penalty notice.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is an INSET day and all of the teaching staff across our primary academies (including staff from Brumby Junior) will be training together. The academy will reopen to children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

As you will be aware, there are some changes to the school day for September. We encourage you to be on site at 8.35am each morning. The children will be expected to be 'in the line for twenty to nine' (8.40am) which is the formal start of the school day. The school day will end at 3.05pm.

We are really pleased to be able to welcome you into the family of schools. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break – and I hope the weather continues to treat us kindly!

Yours sincerely,



Mr L Wilson

Chief Executive Principal, Primary