

The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

18th July 2022

Uniform Exchange Scheme

As mentioned by Mr Smith in his recent communication, regarding the support we are offering with the rising cost of living, we are excited to soon be launching our uniform exchange scheme.

To enable us to get this fantastic supportive measure up and running, we are looking for donations of any old uniform from students who are no longer attending the academy that is in good, pre-loved condition that could make a real difference to a family in need of some support.

If you have any blazers, school trousers, shirts or PE kits that your child no longer requires, we would welcome any donations to either school site via the reception offices.

Dates for the Diary

Last Day of Summer Term Tuesday19th July 2022 Students finish at 12:30pm



First Day of Autumn Term Friday 2nd September 2022

Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please email:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

Free Online Counselling Service

<u>www.kooth.com</u> is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).





Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk

- Parents/carers should contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical appointment card, prescription, doctor's letter.)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link **www.escb.co.uk** which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

www.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding

School nurse drop-in

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Thursday Breaktime Location: The Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre



Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

Purchasing School Uniform

Please ensure you don't leave shopping for your child's new uniform too late. Our schoolwear provider, SWI strongly advises starting to shop before the end of July to avoid the August rush. Start shopping now at www.swischoolwear.co.uk



Students launch Period Poverty fundraising page

Period Poverty is the cause chosen by our students who are raising awareness for children's rights worldwide. Our UNICEF group has set up a fundraising page and we will be holding events in the new school year. Please support and donate if you are able. https://periodpoverty.enthuse.com/pf/basildon-academies

Student leadership has been developed through roles such as school nurse champions and respect champions (previously Anti Bullying Ambassadors). These students are passionate about their roles and keen to ensure they work in a joined-up way to support their peers.



House Points Final Totals for 2021/2022



The Basildon Academies Sports Day 15th July



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