

15 November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

As part of a commitment to listening and responding to the views of our students, Outwood Academy Carlton will, on Thursday December 16, be holding a Christmas themed charity fundraising event.

Students and staff are invited to attend the Academy wearing a 'Christmas jumper', or a 'Christmas top'. It is hoped that most, if not all, students will get involved in the spirit of the day, and make a £1 donation towards raising funds via Ipay. The Academy is now cashless and cash donations on the day unfortunately cannot be taken anymore. Blazers, shirts and ties do not have to be worn if a student is wearing a Christmas jumper or top. **All other uniform rules still apply as normal. This is not a non-uniform day.**

Students who may not own, or do not want to wear a Christmas jumper or top, can instead, if they wish, pay £1 for a Santa Hat. **This must also be purchased via Ipay before Monday 6 December.** Profits from the sale of these hats will also go towards charity. Hats will then be distributed to students who have paid in time for the event.

Students will be allowed to wear their Santa hat before school, when moving from lesson to lesson, in Tutor Group, at break, dinner and after school on Thursday December 17 only but they must be removed for lessons. Please take some time to discuss the importance of maintaining excellent standards of behaviour as always with your child; nothing changes in this respect. If the students make this a success, it means events such as this are far more likely to be approved in the future.

Some of the anticipated 'Frequently Asked Questions' are addressed overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Haynes  
Principal

Q. Is this a non-uniform day? No.

Q. Can I bring my own Santa hat if I pay £1.00 A. No - this becomes too difficult for staff to monitor; having one kind of hat means everyone knows exactly what is acceptable.

Q. Can we wear jumpers that have lights / sounds? A. No - what is, and is not, acceptable becomes difficult to define / monitor and these are likely to cause undue disruption in the classroom.

Q. Do I have to get involved? A. No, there is no expectancy that any student should either wear a jumper, hat or top, nor is there any expectancy that they should donate to charity.

Q. Is it just jumpers, tops and Santa hats that are permitted? A. Yes.

Q. Can I wear a Christmas top AND a Christmas jumper? Yes, and you will not be expected to pay more than £1.00 unless you wish to do so. You can wear any combination of the three items - top, jumper, hat - or just one of those items, or none of them!

Q. Can we donate more than £1.00? A. Yes, of course, although this is not expected.

Q. Can I buy more than one Santa hat? A. No - sorry, we want to try and make sure there are enough hats available for everyone who wants one.