

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Hair colour/styles and Jewellery

I hope this letter finds you well. As part of our commitment to maintaining a conducive learning environment by reducing the communication that is required between staff and students at Outwood academy Ripon on daily basis, we would like to remind parents and students about our school's policies regarding hair styles, colours, and jewellery.

**Hair Styles and Colours:**

We believe that maintaining natural and sensible hairstyles contributes to a focused and respectful atmosphere within our school community. We kindly request that students adhere to the following guidelines:

**Natural Colours:** Hair colours should be natural and subtle. Unconventional or extreme colours are not permitted and must be corrected.

**Sensible Styles:** Hair styles should be neat, tidy, and sensible. Extreme styles that may cause distraction or disruption to the learning environment should be avoided.

**Jewellery:**

To maintain a safe and distraction-free environment, we have established guidelines regarding jewellery:

**Limited to Essentials:** Students are allowed to wear a wristwatch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet for health and safety purposes.

**No Other Jewellery:** To prevent distractions and maintain a focus on learning, we request that students refrain from wearing any other jewellery, including rings, bracelets, necklaces, or earrings.

We believe that these guidelines will help create an environment where students can concentrate on their studies and personal growth without unnecessary distractions. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child adheres to these guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via [enquiries@ripon.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@ripon.outwood.com).

We appreciate your partnership in creating a positive and conducive learning environment for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David O'Brien', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Mr David O'Brien  
Vice Principal