Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Will I be in a form with my friends from primary school?**

We do our best to liaise with primary schools to place students in forms with at least one of their friends, however it is not always possible for students to be matched. However, when there are numerous students joining Appleton Academy from a primary school, we try to ensure students are in a form with a familiar face.

 **Can I use my phone in school?**

Mobile phones are only to be used in the canteen and outside at lunch times. Pupils who bring their mobile phones to school must ensure that their mobile phone is turned off and in the bottom of a school bag. If a mobile phone is seen or is used anywhere outside of the permitted time and locations it will be confiscated and parents will be expected to collect it. It will not be returned to the child. Refusal to hand a mobile phone to a member of staff is defiance. This will result in a n after school detention and a mobile phone ban.

 **Can I buy breakfast at school?**

Yes, the canteen is open from 8.40am.

**How do I buy food at school?**

Parents/carers will be given an online account on PARENTPAY to top up students accounts. This means that instead of cash, biometric identification is used. This helps to keep queues moving faster, allowing students more time to eat.

**Will I be able to use a locker?**

Lockers are available . Students are expected to provide their own padlock. Your child can enquire about a locker at the Pastoral office when they commence at Appleton Academy.

**What happens if I am late to school?**

You will receive a late sticker in your planner and be required to serve an after school detention the same day. You must be in school for 8.55am.

**Who can I go to if I need help?**

Your Form Tutor will be your first point of contact. You will see them every day for 20 minutes. if you have any concerns. You will also have a team of Pastoral staff who will be there to support you.

If you feel you need more professional help for your mental health and wellbeing we have a drop in service on site that you can access which your Form tutorwill be able to give you more information about.

**What is the Student Planner?**

Every student will be issued with a timetable and a student planner on their first day in September. The planner is used to record homework, to communicate with parents, to review progress and to record rewards and sanctions. We ask all parents to regularly check planners and sign them each week. Students are expected to have their planners with them at all times. The planner also provides key information about the Academy, providing a useful source of information for parents and students.

As the planner is an essential element of the home academy agreement the expectation is that it remains graffiti free. If a child is found to have graffiti on their planner they will need to purchase another at the cost of £5 from the Pastoral office.

**What are the Academy Expectations?**

As adults we commit to ensuring:

· Strong relationships are at the heart of our school.

· Every child and young person is greeted and welcomed as part of a community.

· We don’t give up on our pupils; every day is a fresh start and everyone has a chance.

· We value and seek to know the dreams and aspirations of our children and young people; inspiring, nurturing and developing their thirst for knowledge and sense of place.

Put simply our core expectation is for you to "Be Your Best." Everything we do is driven through our core values of "Be safe, Be respectful, Be your best."

We recognize that everyone will have different talents and skills in different areas but as long as you are being your "best" versions of yourself then you are meeting our expectations.