

8 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

World Mental Health Day Thursday 10 October 2019

As part of our commitment to listening and responding to the views of our students, Outwood Academy Shafton will, on Thursday 10 October 2019, be holding a World Mental Health Day themed charity fundraising event.

Students and staff are invited to attend the Academy wearing a yellow top or their school shirt. Please note that the yellow top can be a top that has yellow on it, rather than fully yellow. It is hoped that most, if not all students will get involved in the spirit of the day, and make a small donation towards raising funds for this cause. Shirts, ties and blazers do not have to be worn if a student is wearing a yellow top. All other uniform rules still apply as normal. This is not a non-uniform day.

Our academy community is committed to supporting positive mental health awareness and we will be running “Think Well, Live Well” events throughout the day aiming to empower and enrich the lives of the young people in our community.

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,



Kathryn Senior
Vice Principal

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is this a non-uniform day?

A. No.

Q. Can we wear tops 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. I do not have a yellow top. Can I wear a non-uniform top that it is not yellow?

A. We appreciate that not everyone has a yellow top and that it can be inconvenient and expensive to buy one. Therefore, tops that include the colour yellow can be worn instead.

Q. Do I have to get involved?

A. No, there is no expectancy that any student should wear a yellow top, nor is there any expectancy that they should donate to charity.

Q. Can I wear any type of yellow top?

A. It must be appropriate for school. For example, crop tops would not be appropriate.

Q. Can we donate more than £1.00?

A. Yes, of course, although this is not expected.

Q. Can I wear a football shirt?

A. As long as it is yellow or includes the colour yellow, yes.

Q. What items of my uniform must I wear?

A. Academy trousers or skirt must be worn with your yellow top. School shoes must also be worn by all students.

Q. Is jewellery allowed?

A. The only jewellery permitted is the usual wristwatch.

Q. Is this event only taking place on Thursday 10 October?

A. Yes, uniform must return fully to normal on Friday 11 October.