



# Ark Charter Academy

10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**The Week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> of February**, has been reserved as a week to celebrate the cultural diversity that we enjoy at Charter Academy. Students will be involved in a variety of activities over the course of the week that will allow them to enjoy and learn about elements of different cultural activities that their schoolmates enjoy. Some of these events range from face painting, origami, cultural games, taster sessions on cultural dance and many more.

We will culminate the week's events with a **non-uniform day on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be allowed to wear a cultural attire or something they feel represents their culture. This could range from clothing containing the flag of their cultural background, traditional dress from their culture e.g. a sahari, or just regular items with colours that represent their country's flag. Any student taking part in the event will be able to gain Pledges 7-9. We are also asking for a **contribution of £1** from each student. This can be paid either at the gate or online via iPayimpact. All funds raised from the non-uniform day will be going towards supporting the Sparklers Foundation, who are currently building a school in a very deprived area of Northern Ghana. The money raised will help provide an environment where children will have a chance to learn.

Please note we are careful in all we do to maintain our school's ethos and values and so ask that you ensure that students leave home in appropriate attire that allow them to observe the expectations of the school around dress code. We will therefore not allow anyone in lessons in outfits that we feel are in violation of these expectations. We will not accept any attire that includes a mask that fully covers the face and identity of any child. Garments that expose the midriff are also not allowed. Any outfit that requires weapon of any sort to complete the outfit will not be accepted in school (this includes imitation weapons). We will not accept anything with offensive language or racial slurs written on it. Please note that if any student turns up at the school gate in clothing that we feel is inappropriate, we will contact home and they will be placed in inclusion if they are unable to go home to change.

If you have any questions regarding the suitability of items that your child would like to wear, please contact us in advance to discuss.

Thank you for being supportive of the work we do at the academy.

Kind regards,  
Jeneve Bailey  
Assistant Principal



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