



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

For many years at Aston Fields Middle School, we have run and implemented a stamp system to help record pupil's behaviour and act as a vital means of communication between home and school. We believe that sharing this information electronically has been beneficial to parents/carers and, as such, there will be an addition to this system starting this week.

Stamps will continue to motivate and recognise positive behaviour and good character, including a positive attitude towards learning, good levels of effort and sensible behaviour choices. Pupils will continue to be awarded a stamp at the end of each lesson, if they have achieved the necessary standards expected of them and staff will continue to award these via the MCAS app. At the end of each day, pupils should have achieved 5 stamps – one for each lesson. Over a week, this will total 25 stamps.

If a pupil fails to achieve the necessary standards, the stamp will continue to be replaced with either a B or EFF code. Receiving a B code indicates that poor behaviour was demonstrated and not corrected despite reminders and the opportunity to do so, and an EFF code shows that the required level of effort was not put into their learning. Last year, codes were recorded in your child's planner so that you were kept informed if a B or EFF code was issued. Starting this week, to align with how we share stamps with you, you will be able to see through the MCAS app if your child has received a code in the same way that you see when your child has been rewarded a stamp. On occasions, rather than issue a code, a member of staff may continue to put a "dot" into your child's planner. This means that your child has had a reminder about expectations but has still been awarded their stamp. Additionally, to monitor homework more effectively, you as parents/carers will also be able to see if homework has not been handed in on time, without a valid reason. This will be coded on the MCAS app as HWK.

Please note that whilst we transition to recording and sharing the codes onto the MCAS app, there may be times where errors and/or mistakes may occur and therefore, the staff would be grateful for your patience and understanding should this be the case.

We will continue to reward all pupils who make the correct choices and who are awarded the majority of their stamps. Pupils will be aware of the number of stamps they need to achieve each half term to be included in an extra play time in October, February and May and a reward hour off timetable towards the end of each term, where they can choose an activity to take part in. This system has been developed as a result of pupil voice and suggestions received from the School Council and has proved popular amongst pupils at Aston Fields Middle School.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope the move to communicating codes through the MCAS app will help us to work together to help your child.

Yours sincerely,

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