

# Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life



Welcome to Year 5

Information Booklet 2026



## What your child will need

- **Pencil case** containing
  - Sharp writing pencils (2HB - all pupils will begin working in pencil and will later move into using a pen)
  - 2 handwriting pens (blue / black – not biros)
  - 30cm ruler (preferably not flexible)
  - Rubber & Pencil Sharpener
  - Colouring pencils
  - Whiteboard pens
  - Highlighter
  - Glue stick (white, not coloured glue)
  - We ask that pupils do not bring in their own scissors - these are provided by the school.
- **Folder** - A4 wallet - plastic, envelope style for carrying their planner/homework/certificates etc.
- **Water bottle** - this should be clearly named and containing water only. Pupils may refill them from the water fountain at break and lunchtime. No glass or oversized bottles please.
- Please ensure **all uniform/clothing** is **clearly named** so any lost property can easily be returned to its owner.
- **School P.E. kit** – this is worn to school on the days pupils have PE. Pupils will know when they have PE when they receive their timetable on our first day in September. If they are attending a school sports club after school, pupils will need to bring their PE kit with them and change at the end of the school day. For morning clubs, please wear full uniform and bring trainers.
- **Small pair of wired headphones** – this is helpful for lessons when we use computers.
- **Small rucksack/bag** for carrying their belongings around school.

## We will provide your child with:

- **A planner** to record homework, notes & messages. They will need to **bring this every day to school** as part of their equipment in order to collect their stamps and house points each day. Please communicate with the class teacher via the message section in the planner. Ask your child to tell the teacher if a message has been written. Please check the planner every evening.
- **A Renaissance Reading book**. This will take a few weeks to set up during English lessons. For the first few weeks, pupils should bring a reading book from home every day.
- **A yellow card** to record quiz results.



### Healthy Snacks

In Year 5, we encourage pupils to have a healthy snack at mid-morning break. For example, fruit, vegetable sticks, cereal bars and **not sweets or chocolate**.

### Lunches

Pupils and parents/carers can choose whether to have a cooked meal in school or packed lunch from home.

**Cooked Lunches** are provided by a catering service which strongly promotes healthy choices and has an excellent variety of meals and drinks. Meals are paid for through our online payment system in advance. You will receive more details of this in the near future.

**Packed lunches** are eaten in the dining room, along with pupils who are having a cooked lunch. Please ensure their lunch boxes are clearly labelled with their names and form. Please refrain from providing food which may contain nuts.

### Mobile Phones

We understand that some pupils will be walking to and from school on their own and so a mobile phone is used for contact with parents/carers. If this is essential, it must be handed in to their form teacher when pupils arrive at the start of the day. It is stored securely and then returned to pupils at 3:30 before they leave school. These must be named clearly and not used within the school grounds. Please note, mobile phones are brought to school at your own risk and the School and Governing Body will not accept responsibility for loss or damage, as detailed in the school prospectus. Phones should be in appropriate phone cases.

### Drop off and Picking up Procedures

**Morning** - Pupils are to arrive at school from 8:40am. A bell rings at 8:45, indicating the pupils to line up. The gate will be locked on the second bell, when registration begins at 8:50am. For the first few days, parents/carers may come onto the playground, where all Year 5 teachers will be ready to welcome them. After this, we ask that pupils are dropped off at the gate and make their own way into the playground. If pupils are late, they are to come through the main office.

**Afternoon** - The gate will be unlocked at 3:30pm. Pupils will be escorted by their teachers to the gate. Bus pupils will be escorted to the buses at the end of the day. After the first week, pupils will make their own way to the bus bay. If you wish to have a conversation with a member of staff, please inform the front office who will let us know to contact you.

**\*In line with Safeguarding procedures, and in the interest of pupil safety, we ask that you do not enter the Year 5 playground, Year 5 building or the rest of the school without an appointment or permission. Please go the office as the initial point of your enquiry.**

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## Some hints and tips from our Year 5s

"If you're scared that you can't do something, there's mentors and clubs."

"If you don't know where you are going, just ask someone and they'll help you."

"Go up to people - introduce yourself, Hi, my name is 'xxxx', what is your name? If you do this, you will find a new friend."

"Don't stress about lessons because all the teachers are really nice."

"If you're not in the same class as a first school friend, don't worry because you will see them all the time at break and lunch."

"Make sure you have the right equipment."

"Don't worry about getting lost because everyone is here to help you, and a lot of lessons are still in the Year 5 Block and the teachers will take you to the right place."

"Don't worry about being late because you have until 8:50 to arrive."

"Speak to wellbeing mentors - year 8 who are kind and understanding."