



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

15th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Aston Fields Middle School and what will no doubt be another busy term. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that you and your families have stayed safe and well.

The Governors, staff and I are absolutely delighted at how well our pupils have started the year and we would like to sincerely thank you for enabling this to happen. It has been particularly pleasing to welcome our new pupils and see how well they have transitioned and adapted to Aston Fields Middle School. They are a credit to you.

We have been particularly impressed with the pupils' exceptionally positive attitude to learning and have commented on how smart they look in their uniform. It is important to the Governors and staff that these high standards are maintained throughout the year. If you are in any doubt about what is or is not allowed, please refer to the school website <https://www.astonfields.worcs.sch.uk/>. We will always contact parents/carers if concerns arise and the Governors and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support ensuring your child attends school wearing the correct uniform, particularly in regard to PE kit, school shoes and skirts. It really is appreciated.

It has also been lovely to welcome many of our Year 7 parents/carers to our first curriculum evening of the year last week. I hope you found it useful. There is a further curriculum evening this week for our Year 5 parents/carers. Please see our website for further information. Over the year, there will be further opportunities to visit the school, meet your children's form teachers, subject teachers and attend our informal coffee afternoons. In the meantime, you will receive our autumn newsletters from your child's Director of Year and a curriculum newsletter to keep you informed of what your child will be learning this term. Please also remember that the school's website has a wealth of information available.

There is just one more teacher education day this term, straight after the half term holiday, so pupils will break up for half term on **Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3.30pm** and return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 8.50am**. Further term dates and teacher training days are also available on the school's website.

For parents/carers of pupils using school transport, please note that as in previous years, the Local Authority have informed us that we are not able to supply temporary bus passes to pupils who lose or mislay them. If your child does misplace their bus pass, you should notify the Local Authority immediately on 01905 765765 (option 7).

Following communication from our community police team, we would like to remind all parents/carers and other family members to park with consideration to our neighbours, pedestrians including other pupils and in line with parking restrictions when dropping off or picking up your child. Drummond Road and surrounding roads are not designed for the number of vehicles sometimes seen, so where possible please arrange to meet your child slightly further away to ease congestion and support the safety of all pupils.

Finally, you may already be aware of the significant financial difficulty schools have found themselves in over recent years and Aston Fields Middle School is no exception. The amount of funding this school is able to spend on its pupils has reduced dramatically in real terms over the years.

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The Governors and I have written on a number of occasions to politicians to lobby for fairer funding for Aston Fields Middle School, and other schools locally, and I will continue this work. However, whilst we wait for some resolution, it would help us tremendously if parents/carers could support our school fund which helps the school provide additional resources and opportunities for our pupils. The Governors would like to invite parents/carers to make a *voluntary* contribution to school fund for this academic year. The suggested amount is £10 per family; however, the Governors would be pleased to receive any donation that you feel able or wish to give. If you feel able to support the school in this way, please complete the following Google form <https://forms.gle/jQz93ojDWkp92kMA7> Your support is very much appreciated but I do wish to stress that it is voluntary as we are aware that family budgets are also stretched at this time. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could make any contribution using our 'Parent Pay' system. Thank you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and encouragement for the school, its staff and pupils. We are very much looking forward to working with you to ensure your child's happiness, safety and success at Aston Fields Middle School.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Hales
Headteacher