Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

13th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, it has been another busy start to the new academic year at Aston Fields Middle School, and it has been wonderful to see the pupils getting involved in all the school has to offer, from their formal lessons to extracurricular activities and clubs. The atmosphere around school has been uplifting, with the pupils settling into their new year groups and classes with enthusiasm. Today, sees our annual Cash Scrambles event, always a highlight of the school calendar, we hope very much that your child enjoyed the event and gained a huge amount from participating.

This half term, we have welcomed several new members of staff, and I would like to welcome Mr Butler, who has joined us as our new cover supervisor, Miss Kirby who is a new teaching assistant, Miss Thompson, as our new IT Technician. Later in the term, Miss Warwick will be joining us as our new Learning Mentor, Mr Godwin will be our new assistant caretaker and Miss Tremlett and Miss Cerna as lunchtime supervisors. We are sure all will make a real difference to our pupils and the school.

Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teachers Afternoon, it was great to be able to talk to so many of you and reunite some of our lost property with its owners! We hope you found the opportunity to meet your child's teacher useful. More formal subject parents' evenings will be held in the spring term. I would also like to thank our amazing Young Leaders who supported during the evening – they were a credit to the school and their families.

A massive thank you to those parents/carers who have made a voluntary contribution to school fund. It has been very much appreciated. If you are intending to make a voluntary contribution but haven't yet done so, please feel free to use our ParentPay system.

As we approach the winter and the nights draw in, I would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of road safety and ask that, as you are dropping off or picking up your children, you are mindful of other road users and the needs of pedestrians and avoid pulling in on or opposite the zig zagged lines in front of the Key Stage 2 gates, opposite the bus bay or on the corners of Drummond Road where pupils cross. I would also like to encourage pupils to remember to put their mobile phones away as they walk to and from school and concentrate on their surroundings; your help reminding them of simple ways to stay safe would be appreciated. We will continue to give reminders regularly.

The winter will also bring other challenges. Good attendance is vital for a child's sense of belonging at school and this feeds not only into attainment, but into their sense of self and wellbeing. Every lesson, even their least favourite, is important in providing them with the tools they will need for life at high school and beyond. If you are struggling to motivate your child to come to school, please email their form teacher, Director of Year Group or Mrs Wildsmith for help and advice.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give to the school.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Hales
Headteacher