



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

22nd October 2025

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. Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who attended our Pastoral Drop-In Afternoon this week, 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 Peer Leaders and Wellbeing Mentors 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, and I would like to highlight the advice given in the attendance letter sent from Mrs Wildsmith. 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.

Last week, we said goodbye to Mrs Pearson, our School Business Manager. Mrs Pearson has been with the school for many years, working tirelessly to support our pupils and having a huge impact on the facilities we enjoy in school. She will be missed. We wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Welch will be joining us in January to take on the role. We will also be welcoming Mr Hyde and Mrs Bishop-Baty as new teaching assistants from half term and Mrs Bannerman will be joining us in December to support our cover team, Mrs Spencer and Ms Cerrone.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that pupils break up for half term on **Friday 24th October** at 3.30pm. Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 4th November**. Monday 4th November is a teacher training day. Further term dates are available on the school website.



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I hope you and your children enjoy a well-deserved half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Hales', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A Hales
Headteacher