



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who came to our recent parents meeting. I look forward to meeting more of you and to have the opportunity to discuss our latest Ofsted report, following the inspection team's visit in January.

I would like to invite you into school to meet me and the rest of the senior leadership team. This session will be on **Tuesday 25th April at 5pm** and will allow us to discuss Ofsted's findings and our plans for improvement in more detail. If you can attend, please complete this FORM [<https://forms.office.com/e/pEHxe1wWf8>]. If you are not able to attend but would like to discuss these matters in more detail, please contact my office@astreawoodfields.org.

Ahead of that meeting, I thought it would be useful to summarise our reflections on the report, which can be read in full here: [[OFSTED Report](#)].

As you will see, we have been graded "Good" for the sixth form, "Requires Improvement" for the quality of education; leadership and management; and personal development. Behaviour has been graded as "inadequate" and has been an area of immediate focus for us. More generally, the team has been working tirelessly to address the areas of improvement, and we are already seeing the impact of this work.

There are a great many positives in the report, which draws attention to our high expectations, student enrichment opportunities, the improving quality of education and our support for students with special educational needs and disabilities.

As the new principal of Astrea Academy Woodfields, I am very clear about the improvements we need to drive forward as we continue our clear path to excellence. These include:

- Supporting pupils with any challenges leading to poor behaviour and put in place steps to prevent reoccurrence
- Continuing to build upon our new attendance strategy to maximise the time that pupils are in school
- Building upon successful assessment strategies used by some teachers more widely across the school so that we can accurately identify any gaps in pupils' learning
- Expanding our successful PSHE programme to further develop a culture of respect across the school.
- Developing even stronger links with pupils' families and our wider school community

This last point is something that I am particularly passionate about: our relationship with you is vital to a thriving school. If we are to be successful in these improvements to Astrea Academy Woodfields then we will need to work together.

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Finally, I want to take this opportunity to assure you that as the new principal, I am determined to do everything I can to help Woodfields become the best school in Doncaster, and the most improved school in the country.

If you have any questions or concerns, we want to hear from you. Please do get in touch with our office at office@astreawoodfields.org and we will respond to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Scales', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

David Scales
Principal
Astrea Academy Woodfields