



**ASTREA ACADEMY WOODFIELDS**  
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**Principal: Mr David Scales**



Dear parent/carer,

I hope this letter finds you well-rested and ready for the exciting new academic year ahead.

As we start this new academic year, I want to remind you of the letter that was sent to you and your families on the 16th of July. That communication included important details regarding our school uniform expectations and the start dates for this term. I trust that everyone has had time to prepare and is ready to return with the right mindset, properly dressed, and equipped for success.

The letter is available on our website and can be found here: [End-of-Term-Letter-2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

As this academic year begins, I have some important reminders for you, so your child is ready for their first day back. Please make sure that you read this carefully and contact us if you have any queries at [office@astreawoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreawoodfields.org).

**KEY DATES**

Date	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Class of 2029 Parents evening.
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Astrea Academy Woodfields Awards Evening

**RETURN TO SCHOOL - 2024-25: Class of 2029 (Year 9)**

We will have a staggered return to school in September so that we can support a calm and orderly beginning to the school year. This is as follows:

Year Group	2023-24 School Year	2024-25 School Year	Tie Colour	Time and Date of Return
Co2029	Y8	Y9	Blue	8:00am, Monday 9th September

**ATTENDANCE**

All children on roll at Astrea Academy Woodfields are expected to attend school in line with the law. This means that we will be expecting your child at the dates and times outlined above. Those that attend 97% of the time or greater are more likely to achieve strong passes at GCSE and have the opportunities and choices that come with that.

The link below explains the legislation regarding attendance and fixed penalty notices (fines): <https://www.astreawoodfields.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Penalty-Notices-June-2024-2.pdf>

It is important that you work with us and communicate the issues that you are facing regarding absence as these fines have increased and will now be issued automatically when there are 10 missing sessions within a



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10-week period. As an example, if a child in a two-parent family was late to school once a week for 10 weeks, the fine could be £320. Similarly, a one-week holiday before Christmas would receive the same level of fine. Further offences are tracked up to three years, with a possibility of prosecution for the third offence. This would be shown on DBS certificates.

I want to work with you and offer support to prevent this happening. Please make sure you stay in contact with the school giving valid reasons for absence and accepting the help that we offer. This is in the interest of everyone, particularly your child and their future.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is vital as it closes gaps in learning and allows scholars to consolidate knowledge. Your child will be set homework via online platforms, and we appreciate your support in ensuring they can log onto Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Sparx Science. Alongside these online platforms your child will be set paper-based or knowledge organiser tasks to complete. Homework support is available in school for any scholars who need guidance or alternatively a quiet place to work.

### **UNIFORM**

Our uniform is the smartest in Doncaster and our scholars wear it with pride. It is compulsory while on site and while on school trips unless otherwise stated. You will need to ensure that the uniform is purchased over summer from our supplier so that your child looks smart with a uniform that fits.

Our uniform requirements are found here:

<https://www.astreawoodfields.org/parent-information/uniform/>

Our supplier is:

[www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)

We have kept the cost of uniform as low as possible by avoiding branded items. We also have a hardship fund that you can apply to if you find that finances are challenging.

A reminder that scholars need to wear black, leather, polishable shoes and not anything that resembles a trainer. This includes any Converse, Nike, Vans or similar shoes.

Scholars should wear grey tailored trousers that are long enough to cover the ankle and touch the shoe and should not be skin-tight, leggings or stretch fit. Scholars should wear black socks, or black tights if they opt to wear the academy kilt.



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### **NAILS, HAIR, MAKE UP and JEWELLERY**

We have always been clear that scholars can wear a single pair of stud earrings and should otherwise have natural hairstyles, eyelashes, and nails.

Any piercings other than a single pair of ear piercings are strictly prohibited at Woodfields. If your child has gained a piercing other than a single pair of earrings, then these must be removed before coming to school or action would be taken in line with our behaviour policy.

False nails, hair dye and false lashes all fall within this category. It is safer not to allow your children to have this work done, as we would require them to remove them before arriving at school on their first day back.

### **EQUIPMENT PACKS**

It is the responsibility of scholars to ensure that they are properly equipped for September. You will need to buy the following if your child has any of the following items missing:

Secure A4 Equipment Bag				
Blue/Black Biro Pen	Purple Biro	Pencil	30cm Ruler	Mini Whiteboard
Knowledge Organiser	Barcode	Maths Equipment Pack	Blue Reading Tracker	Whiteboard Pen

We bought these items and supplied them free of charge in April for every child. Scholars can bring old items and have them replaced with new ones free of charge. If packs are lost, we charge £5 for a replacement pack. This is compulsory.

Please replace any of these items and store these packs safely for the return in September. Amazon, WH Smith and any good stationer stock these items.



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### **ELECTRONIC ITEMS AND PHONES**

We are a mobile phone and electronic item, including smartwatch, free school. Any item that is seen, heard, or suspected to have been used by a scholar will be confiscated and returned between 3-4pm on the next working day. This confiscation length increases if the problem persists. Some scholars may gain new items over this summer period, they will not be able to be taken into school, so please support us by being clear about these rules.

This year promises to be filled with new opportunities for learning and achievement and we are looking forward to warmly greeting scholars on their first day back.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Scales'.

Mr David Scales  
Principal

