



**ASTREA ACADEMY WOODFIELDS**  
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**01302 312140**  
**Principal: Mr David Scales**



Dear parent/carer,

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

We are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2031 back to Woodfields. As this academic year begins, I have some important messages for you, so your child is ready for their first day. 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
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Class of 2031 Settling in Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Class of 2031 Parents Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Astrea Academy Woodfields Awards Evening

#### RETURN TO SCHOOL - 2024-25: Class of 2031 (Year 7)

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
Co2031	Y6	Y7	Yellow	8:15am, Tuesday 3rd September

#### ATTENDANCE

All children on roll at Astrea Academy Woodfields are expected to attend school in line with the law. This means we will expect your child at the date and time 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 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 on the third offence. This would show on DBS certificates.



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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 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 are finding 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.

**The Class of 2031 (Year 7) will only be allowed the school bag, school coat and school water bottle.** This can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions using the link above.

### **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.



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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**

Arriving fully equipped for school is crucial; it ensures that scholars make the most of every moment of learning. The class of 2031 will be provided with an equipment pack which will contain the following:

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

If packs are lost, we charge £5 for a replacement pack. This is compulsory.

During the year, please replace any of these items for your child. Amazon, WH Smith and any good stationer stock these items.

### **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.

### **FAMILY DINING**

Family Dining is a central part of what it means to be a member of this school. It will teach family values and support the development of a sense of responsibility. We will share lunch together, serve each other, and tidy away after ourselves. Packed lunches are not permitted, and it is essential that the £13.75 cost of the meal is paid weekly by parents. We will consider payment plans and hardship upon application to us via [office@astreawoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreawoodfields.org). This was communicated in March, June, July 2024 and via the prospectus.



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### **MISST**

As you will know, your child will benefit from a classical music scheme funded by Andrew Lloyd-Webber from September. This will mean that you will be loaned a musical instrument, your child will practice daily and have weekly lessons on the instrument in school time. There will be opportunities to perform in world famous venues and take part in ensembles and orchestras. It is your responsibility to ensure that this practice happens daily and that the musical instrument is kept in good condition.

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

