



# The Astley Cooper School

Aspiration, Determination, Integrity

27 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We finish another successful half term at The Astley Cooper School and I want to thank you for the continuing support you are all showing for your child's education. This is the first full academic year students have completed in school since 2018/19 and while the majority of students are coping really well, this is having an impact on the energy levels and behaviour of some students. To help prepare students for next half term and looking ahead to the new academic year, I want to update you on a few changes we are making and ask for your continued support with.

## Lates

While the vast majority of students are at school by 8:30am as expected, we are concerned about a small number who are persistently late – sometimes very late. From 6 June 2022, we will therefore be changing our procedures. Firstly, we will be closing the gate at 8:30am sharp so any student after that time will be marked late. Secondly, we will be starting a 'same day' detention of 45 minutes at the end of the school day (i.e. from 3:15 to 4:00pm) for any student arriving after 8:45am without a valid reason. You will, of course, be notified by text if this affects your child. For those arriving between 8:30am and 8:45am, we will continue to record names and hold half-hour detentions on a Friday afternoon for any with 2 or more occurrences in one week, although we will review this later in the Summer term if necessary.

## Rewards

We are continuing to reward students for positive behaviour including the green ticket draw for an iPad and the Thorpe Park trip in July. If you haven't yet paid for your child to attend the Thorpe Park trip, please do so on ParentPay by the 6 June. We are planning a range of activities in school for students who are not going on the trip.

## New house system

In September, we are launching a house system at school to allow competition between form groups in each year group and across the school. We are asking that all students, parents, staff and other stakeholders vote for their top six preferences from the names in this google poll - <https://forms.gle/JxuZLwuYYbxwXeNfA> - by Sunday 5 June. We will announce the winners and talk to the students about which house they will represent towards the end of the summer term.

## Equipment

To be successful and access all the learning opportunities at school, students need to come with the correct equipment. Can you please ensure your child leaves for school with the following;

- a school bag



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- at least 2 pens and 2 pencils
- a ruler and a rubber
- PE kit on the appropriate day
- a calculator (KS4)

## Uniform

Wearing the full school uniform is an important part of our school identity and prepares students for working life where they will have to dress appropriately for the jobs they have when they leave school. Can you please ensure that your child leaves for school wearing their full school uniform including school trousers or skirt, shirt, tie, school jumper and black shoes. Some students are still trying to wear hoodies around the school site, which is against school rules. Leggings are also not part of the school uniform, either worn on their own or under skirts.

## Behaviour

We have launched a revised set of school expectations with the students and I want to share them with you now. These are the basic standards we expect students to do while they are in school and to prepare them for being responsible members of the local community. Please talk to your child about these expectations and support us to reinforce them. The expectations are;

1. Follow instructions
2. Engage positively in learning
3. Respect each other and our surroundings
4. Move around the site calmly
5. Be in full uniform at all times

## Social Media

We are using Instagram and Facebook to promote the events and activities going on at school. We would encourage you to follow the accounts to see more about what the students get involved in. Our Instagram page is: [theastleycooperschool](#) and our Facebook page is: [The Astley Cooper School](#).

Thank you for your continuing support over the important issues above. Please contact me at the school if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Yours sincerely

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