



The Astley Cooper School

Aspiration, Determination, Integrity

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support this half term.

As you are aware there is a lot of building work on site as the builders continue the work on our new school. While this is ongoing, we have extremely limited covered space during break and lunchtime as well as in between lessons. We have organised additional space of a marquee next to the canteen where the students can eat their lunch and shelter from the elements. It is important, as the weather worsens, that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school until Easter. There will be times when students are outside, and they will need their coat to ensure they do not get wet on their way to lessons. A hoodie does not provide adequate protection from the weather so please support us by getting your child to leave this at home. Please also be aware that because of the building work the walkways and open areas will be muddy and your child may come home with dirty shoes/trainers.

Please support us in ensuring that your child is ready for school each day. They should be appropriately dressed, with the correct equipment for the day; pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil case and a school bag to carry their books and homework.

Uniform should be worn as per our uniform policy: Trousers must be of a full length, plain black, tailored and without external pockets. Skinny trousers, leggings, jeans, or trousers made of any kind of denim or denim look alike are not permitted. If a belt is required, it must be plain black with a simple buckle. Shoes should be plain and black. Black trainers (such as Nike Air Force) are allowed provided they are completely black with no motifs or decoration. Jewellery must be limited to one small earring in each ear, one small chain / necklace, one watch. No other facial piercings are allowed.

We would encourage you to maintain vigilance over your child's use of social media, particularly Snapchat and TikTok. We advocate that you regularly check your child's phone as it is likely that you own the phone and young people should be happy for you to see the content of what is coming in and going out on messages and socials; if they are not, it is likely that it is not age appropriate.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful half term.

Yours faithfully

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