

Wednesday 8 September 2021



## Welcome Back

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and you have all had an enjoyable summer.

It has been wonderful to welcome all the pupils back to school this week, and welcome new pupils to our Astley Park family.

Hopefully this year will be much more settled as the situation with the pandemic stabilises.

As we move out of the restrictions, we remain cautious about the impact this will have, the last few weeks of summer term saw a rise in cases in school and an increase in class & transport bubble closures, with that in mind staff, pupils and visitors will be continuing to wear masks when entering, exiting, and moving around school. We are also continuing with twice weekly testing for staff and secondary age pupils (that have given consent). We are also continuing to operate a class bubble system, these school-based measures will continue until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

In line with Government guidance, all secondary pupils will be offered two onsite tests during their first week back at school. Twice weekly testing should then continue at home until the end of September.

Secondary aged pupils were tested on Monday and will be tested again on Thursday, testing kits will come home with pupils each Friday and we would strongly encourage you to continue to test twice per week, preferably on a Sunday and a Wednesday. If your child does test positive, please contact your child's class teacher via email.

If your child tests positive they must self-isolate in line with government guidance. Identified close contacts no longer need to self-isolate but are advised to seek a PCR test. We would strongly encourage your child (if they are able to) to take a PCR if they are identified as a close contact.

I appreciate the guidance is a lot to take in and can sometimes be confusing, but we are always here to help and support, please contact a member of the business support team (BST) who will be happy to help.

### Holiday Heroes

Mrs Mahood and her team ran an extremely successful holiday club during the summer break. Pupils had the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun & exciting onsite and offsite activities. We have received incredibly positive feedback from both pupils and parents. We are hoping to be able to offer Holiday Heroes over the October Half-Term, Mrs Mahood will be in touch with more details over the next few weeks.



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### **Before School Club & After School Club**

Mrs Mahood is currently exploring the possibility of establishing a twice weekly, Before & After School Club on a Tuesday & Thursday, further details to follow.

### **Staff Team update**

At the end of the summer term, we said Goodbye & Good Luck to the following members of the team;

**School Business Manager:** Mrs Christina Harwood, who retired after working at the school for over 23 years.

**SENCO:** Mrs Janice Wilson who also retired after working at the school for over 13 years.

**Class Teachers:** Mr Joseph Massey, Miss Alice Curry, Mrs Emma McDonnell, Mrs Emily Bigio and Miss Chantelle Albrighton.

Miss Rachael Cross started her maternity leave and has recently had a baby boy.

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Jo Lilley, Miss Annalisa Zarabian, Miss Georgia Aindow, Mrs Sharon O'Connell.

**Business Support Officer:** Mrs Kay Fisher

We have welcomed lots of new team members this term;

**School Business Manager:** Mrs Annie Millard

**Business Support Officer:** Mrs Lesa Karaj

**Class Teachers:** Miss Corinne Spear, Miss Lois Howarth, Miss Charlotte Seare-Malloy, Mr Neil Frawley, Mr Kieran Smith.

**Teaching Assistants:** Mr Arron Crew, Miss Stephanie Dobson, Miss Kelly-Anne Berry, Miss Olivia Patterson, Mrs Kathy O'Reilly.

Please look at our "Meet the staff" page on our website to be able to put faces to the names.

### **Calendar of Events**

A copy of our Annual Calendar of Events will be sent home this week, please take a moment to look through it and add the dates to your home calendars. We have got lots of events taking place this term, we will be in touch with further details. We are hoping to re-introduce some face-to-face events this term and look forward to welcoming you back onsite.



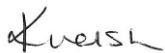


### **Pupil end of day collection**

Please could parents who collect their children, please arrive at 3pm at the earliest. I appreciate during the pandemic we operated staggered collection times We are now returning to a 3pm pick-up. Please contact your child's class teacher if you need to discuss this.

Hoping you all remain safe & well and I'll look forward to seeing you in person at one of our school events this term.

Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh  
Headteacher

