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Important Updates – Years 7, 8 & 9 Only

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful start to the term and it has been so lovely to see our pupils return with such happiness and drive.

In this letter is some key information about the school day and also a few changes we are making. As mentioned before, a lot of information required is in the **Information Booklets** (details below).

Y7 Information Booklet - <https://astreasheffield.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Y7-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Y8 Information Booklet - <https://astreasheffield.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Y8-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Y9 Information Booklet - <https://astreasheffield.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Y9-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Academy Day

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Academy Day	8.10am – 2.40pm (Gate open 8.00am – 8.10am)	8.20am – 2.50pm (Gate open 8.10am – 8.20am)	8.30am – 3.00pm (Gate open 8.20am – 8.30am)

Pupils who arrive after the time listed above will be marked as late and receive negative behaviour points.

Break & Lunch

Pupils are permitted to bring a healthy snack into school (fruit etc. but no nut based snacks).

For lunchtime - we need to make some changes. This is to ensure that all pupils remain within their bubbles and maintain COVID safety measures, have time to eat lunch and also importantly, have time to get outside where appropriate and get some fresh air within the 30-minute time allocation.

From tomorrow, pupils will be able to either bring in a packed lunch from home, or, will be able to purchase a 'grab bag' only at a cost of £2. (For free school meal children, this will be free).

A grab bag will be a sandwich or pasta pot, along with a piece of fruit and a drink. Pupils will order their chosen food in the morning with their form tutor, and will collect at lunchtime before sitting down to eat.

The menu options will change each day, and from Monday onwards we will publish in advance.

Pupils will be able to add money to their BioStore account at lunchtime using the machines as normal – please note, the machines do not give change.



Drinks

To limit the sharing of facilities, we have closed the water fountains and will not have jugs of water available at lunchtimes. Therefore, it is of utmost important that pupils bring in their own full water bottles from home. They may need two to get them through the day as there is nowhere to fill these up.

Face Coverings

As previously mentioned, the decision as to whether you would like your child to wear a face covering lies with parents. Should you wish for pupils to wear a face covering to and from and during the school day, they may do so. The academy will not be providing face coverings.

We will not be insisting pupils to wear masks in communal areas as we will ensure social distancing is enforced – however, we are now suggesting that pupils carry a mask with them, in case pupils cannot follow social distancing rules.

As a reminder, pupils travelling to school by public transport are required to wear a face covering by law.

Should you have any concerns or queries, please do get in touch with the academy by emailing info@astreasheffield.org.

We thank you for your support as ever.

Kind regards



Emma Glover | **Head of Academy**