



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 7 Settling-in Evening

The **Year 7 Settling-in Evening** is on Wednesday, 18th November 2015 from 6pm – 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into life at Astley by meeting with their Family Lead. Please ensure that your son / daughter returns the reply slip attached to inform us of attendance. I am delighted with Year 7's start to their time at Astley. They have settled in well to school life and are demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning which underpins all they do in order to make the best progress possible. Following on from the recent Curriculum Evening where we undertook a parental satisfaction survey 96% of parents said they would recommend Astley. Thank you! As I have said earlier, if there is something that you would like to see improved then do please tell us.

The Headteacher's Surgery is on the first Tuesday of each month with the next one being Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 4:30 and 6:30pm. Please arrange an appointment with Ms. Bolt Headteacher's PA on the above telephone number or via [t.bolt@astley.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:t.bolt@astley.tameside.sch.uk)

Building on the successes of last year's iPad rollout, we are enhancing the curriculum through the use of one-to-one pupil iPads provided by the school. It is our aim that learning will be deepened for each pupil through utilising the technology and therefore gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of topics.

The iPad, case, charger and educational apps will be provided and paid for by school, this remains the property of Astley *and can be recalled at any time if necessary*. At home, we're sure the iPad will be used as a family device so we are therefore asking families to adhere to our acceptable use policy for safe and appropriate use. A copy of this policy is enclosed with this letter. The iPad will operate through Astley's internet filtering system to allow access to recognised safe areas however, we must advise that your guidance and supervision is also recommended.

The insurance policy covers accidental damage and theft (not loss) costing £20 per year for 3 years or £55 if paid in one installment. This money must be paid before the iPad will be released to pupils. Students may be eligible for reduced insurance should they meet certain criteria.

iPads will be handed out to pupils during sessions on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November within the normal school day following completed acceptance forms and payment of insurance. If you have any questions relating to the iPad rollout or aspects on e-safety please contact Mrs. Shaw [j.shaw@astley.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:j.shaw@astley.tameside.sch.uk).

**An opportunity to confirm your acceptance of the iPad policy and necessary payment of the insurance will be available at the Settling in Evening, but we do encourage early payment. Acceptance forms will be provided w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns with regard to any aspect of your child's education, please contact either their Family Lead or the relevant Progress Leader. The three corresponding Progress Leaders are as follows:

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| Athens  | C. Nolan                               |
| Sydney  | R. Carter                              |
| Calgary | C. Summergill (Senior Progress Leader) |

I look forward to seeing you on the 18<sup>th</sup> November,

Mr E Murphy  
Headteacher

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I am / we are\* able to attend the Year 7 Settling in Evening on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

House: Athens / Sydney / Calgary\*                      Family Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to your Family Lead by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

(\* delete as appropriate)