



**ASTREA ACADEMY
SHEFFIELD**

Astrea Academy Trust
INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Academy Prospectus - Primary/Nursery



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Welcome to the Astrea Academy Sheffield. At Astrea, we are passionate about education that inspires beyond measure. The Astrea Academy Sheffield will be a beacon for the area – both literally and metaphorically: looking out over the city, it will provide an absolutely exceptional education for 2-18 year olds.

Astrea was established in 2015. Our schools – primary, secondary and all through – do not subscribe to the typical notion of “schooling” where everything is driven by results. Our pupils achieve to the very highest levels, but we believe that education is about so much more than just attainment.

To deliver this, we focus on encouraging and nurturing Resilience, Empathy, Aspiration, Contribution and Happiness in all of our children and young people. We also have the highest expectations of the staff in our family: responsibility

and leadership; aspiration and development; honesty and integrity; enjoyment and innovation; and collaboration and inclusion. These values are used as a measure of progress with individuals, schools and overall as a trust.

We believe that a great education starts in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Every child deserves the best possible start in life and support to fulfill their potential. A child’s experience in the early years has a major impact on their future life chances. At Astrea Academy Sheffield, our all through approach to

your child’s education ensures that children start to build to knowledge, skills and character from an early age to maximise their progress and long-term potential.

We are delighted to be opening Astrea Academy Sheffield in September 2018, with two Reception classes and a 52 place nursery. At Astrea, we are all dedicated to providing an education with no boundaries so that every pupil can fly, and I hope you will join us on this exciting journey.

Libby Nicholas
Chief Executive



Astrea Academy Sheffield – Our Mission

As young adults, pupils will leave Astrea Academy Sheffield with the necessary dispositions, character and academic qualifications to live a life full of opportunity and choice.

A broad and balanced curriculum based on knowledge, skills and experiences will enrich pupils' lives, build cultural capital and instil a love of learning. They will be able to apply their learning to real world contexts and problems, creating solutions in collaboration with others.

Pupils will learn to value family, community and the environment. They will make a positive contribution to the life of the school and those

around them. Pupils will become resilient learners who are motivated to take responsibility for their learning, health, well-being and happiness.

Pupils will have high expectations of themselves, a culture of craftsmanship and a drive for excellence. They will understand the scope of possibilities that lie ahead of them and what is required to achieve their ambitions with the confidence and belief to make them a reality.

**Astrea Academy Trust – Inspiring
Beyond Measure**

A Unique Education

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By the end of the year, our aim is that pupils will be able to:

- Read and write full sentences;
- Work confidently with numbers up to 10;
- Form friendships and work as part of a team;
- Manage their own feelings and behaviour;
- Know how to stay safe and healthy at school and at home;
- Try lots of new things!

Assessment

We assess children's development throughout Reception with on-going observations of their interactions and play, as well as through more structured learning opportunities, such as reading or writing in small groups with a teacher. Pupil progress is mapped and this information is shared with parents every half term through reports and consultations.



High Aspirations for All

Curriculum Design

In Reception, all of our learning each half term links to a central theme, such as 'All About Me' or 'Habitats'. These topics have been specially chosen to support the children's development, and provide children with the knowledge they need to not only effectively express their own preferences and experiences, but also to investigate and talk about other people and other places in the world.

Each morning, we study phonics, literacy, and maths, before learning more about our theme in the afternoon during the themed topic. These afternoon lessons encompass a variety of disciplines, including science, geography, and art.

Collaborating with Parents

We make ourselves available every day at drop off and pick up so that we can share the day's events and talk to parents about particular

projects or concerns. We run regular workshops showing parents the teaching techniques we use at school so that you can support learning at home as well. We also invite parents in at least once every half term to showcase our great work or simply celebrate together, for example at our Diwali party or fireworks display.

School Facilities

Originally opened as the Pye Bank Board School in 1875. The beautiful Grade II listed building is currently being restored to its former glory and developed into a modern primary school environment with the latest equipment and IT facilities. Pupils in reception learn in large and bright classrooms with excellent facilities for group work and guided play. Reception pupils also have their own outdoor adventure play area and a forest school classroom.

Astrea Academy Nursery

Our aim at Astrea Academy Nursery is to provide children from the age of two with a safe and happy environment where they can grow in confidence and independence, preparing them not only for school, but for life.

Astrea Academy Nursery aims to develop children that are happy, inquisitive and enjoy an exciting mix of self-directed activities and teacher-led sessions amongst large, airy open spaces, varied learning zones, play equipment and free-flow outdoor space. All nursery children follow the key themes of the Early Years Foundation Curriculum.

Astrea Academy Nursery provides a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment to support your child as they develop the social, physical and intellectual skills that will set them up for a bright and happy future.

As your child's sense of self begins to grow, they will flourish in the unique

homely atmosphere. In our pre-school, children are free to explore the broad range of activities on offer as they develop their self confidence and self esteem through their increasing social interactions and developing relationships. Their inquisitive natures and individual characteristics are supported and encouraged by quality interactions with mature qualified staff.

As part of the Government Funded Early Years Education, we are able to offer up to 30 hours free each week. All children from ages two (from the beginning of the term of their third birthday) and four (until the move into Reception) are eligible for this provision.



How to Apply

Nursery Places

If you would like to apply for a nursery place, you can register your interest via our online form on our website or email info@astreasheffield.org. Once we have your child's details, when the admissions process for your child starts, an admission pack will be sent to you.

Reception Places

When choosing Astrea Academy Sheffield we highly recommend placing it as your first choice in order to have your best chance of obtaining a place. The indicated admissions number of Astrea Academy Sheffield is 60 places for Reception in 2018.

Astrea Academy Sheffield is part of Sheffield City Council's admissions scheme. To apply for a place in September 2018, parents must select Astrea Academy Sheffield as a preference on the online admissions portal or a hard copy application form.

Some families were unaware that Astrea Academy Sheffield was a primary option for their child. Any families wanting to choose Astrea Academy Sheffield, that have already submitted admissions forms are able to amend their choices by contacting pupil admissions at Sheffield City Council.

Admissions and submitting a new application in one of the following ways:

- If you have already applied online, login to the admissions portal with your username and password. Click 'amend' and update your preferences.
- If you have sent a hard copy you can:
 - Email ed-admissions@sheffield.gov.uk with your child's name, date of birth, address, current school and your amended preferences by 15th January 2018.

- Or, write to pupil admissions stating that you would like to amend your preferences. PUPIL ADMISSIONS, Floor 5, North Wing, Moorfoot, Sheffield S1 4PL

The closing date for online applications is the 15th January 2018 for primary school places.

Please visit our website to view our admissions arrangements and catchment area maps. You will also find a link to the admissions portal on the Sheffield City Council website.

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