

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: New 3G Astro

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break.

I am delighted to let you know that our new 3G Pitch has officially been completed and signed off by the Football Foundation during the Half Term Holiday!

This means that we are hopeful for a soft launch with our students as soon as possible (planned for week commencing 3rd March), and a Grand Opening on Friday 4th April to celebrate all the amazing efforts by students, staff, Partner Football Clubs and other members of the local community.

We are extremely proud to have been awarded the funding by the Football Foundation for this wonderful asset, but I must stress the importance of regulations that we must adhere to in order to ensure the longevity of the pitch and adhere to Football Foundation Terms & Conditions.

All users of the pitch (both staff and students) must wear regulation footwear.

- Moulded blades or rubber studded footwear only
- No spikes, metal studs, trainers or heeled shoes
- Astro Trainers are also NOT permitted



No food, chewing gum, glass bottles or canned drinks are permitted. Only plastic water bottles.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the voiding terms and conditions applied by the Football Foundation and the voiding of any warranty, which would mean the loss of this amazing resource for OSCA and the community, so there really is no exception.

I appreciate that not all of our students may currently have the required footwear to use this facility, and so we will be purchasing a bank of footwear that can be loaned to students during their PE lessons if required. This will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and returned to PE at the end of the lesson.

I would really appreciate it, if you could take the time to complete the following survey to notify us what footwear your child will opt to use – this will enable us try and order sufficient numbers of boots for the loan bank, and sufficient sizes: <https://forms.office.com/e/BPcshBuLpZ>

Please also see the below links, for examples of regulation footwear – we do not endorse these options, but rather provide them to give examples of the type of boot permitted for a variety of budgets. There are multiple suppliers available, and boots required are easily accessible. These options are provided for information only – I hope this helps:

[Buy Umbro Junior Velocita Elixir 1.0 FG Firm Ground Football Boots High-Rise/Safety Yellow/Vibrant Green/Black](#)

[Buy Puma Womens Future 7 Match FG/AG Firm/Artificial Ground Football Boots Puma Black](#)

[Buy Umbro Junior Velocita Matrix 1.0 FG Firm Ground Football Boots Nimbus Cloud/Fiery Coral/Carbon](#)

[Buy Puma Mens Attacanto FG/AG Firm/Artificial Ground Football Boots Puma Black/Silver Mist](#)

[Nike | Mercurial Vapor 16 Club Firm Ground Football Boots | Firm Ground Football Boots | SportsDirect.com](#)

[Under Armour | Clone Magnetico Elite Womens Firm Ground Football Boots | Firm Ground Football Boots | SportsDirect.com](#)

[adidas | Predator 24 League Firm Ground Boots | Firm Ground Football Boots | SportsDirect.com](#)

If you are purchasing footwear for your child and are unsure, please do contact us for help and support. We will also be accepting any donations of regulation footwear via boot banks which will be provided to us via the Football Foundation – I will communicate further when they are in place.

I hope you agree that this is a wonderful addition to our school, and we must now look after it in order for our students and wider community to use the facility for years to come.

I know our students and PE staff are very excited to start using the new Astro, and I thank you all for your understanding and support in regards to its use.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Leanne James, our Operations Manager at JamesL@ormistonsandwell.org.uk

Yours faithfully



Peter McKinniss
Head of School