

Alderbrook School

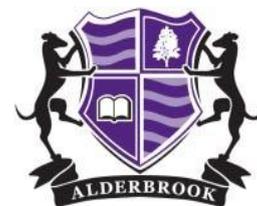
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Dear Parents/Carers

We have rather unbelievably reached the last day of the school year. Despite being such a strange start to my time at Alderbrook, it has been fantastic to start to get to know the school and wider community, and I look forward to meeting many of you from September. Please find below and attached, important information about results days and September.

Plans for September

Please find attached further details of our plans to reopen in September. We hope you find the FAQs document useful; this has been written in response to the parent survey, thank you for taking the time to respond. Also attached is a further guidance document, including details of health and safety measures in place. We will issue our final plans to all parents and carers in the week beginning 24th August, which will include our Health and Safety Risk Assessment.

Start of Term, September 2020

In September we will slightly stagger the start of the school year for students. We understand that all parents will be eager for their children to return to school after a long absence, but we hope you will understand the need for us to welcome new cohorts of students in Years 7 and 12, many of whom have not yet had a chance to visit the school due to the cancellation of induction days in June and July. The school year will therefore start for each year group at the following dates and times:

Thursday 3rd September: **Year 7, Year 8, Year 12 only**

Arrival times:

Year 7: 8.30am

Year 12: 9.15am

Year 8: 9.30am

Friday 4th September: **All students**

Arrival times:

Years 7 and 8: 8.30am

Year 9: 8.30am (for first session at 8.40am)

Year 10: 9.15am

Year 11: 9.30am

Year 13: 9.45am

Year 12: 10.45am

These first 2 days will be crucial in giving the students time to get used to new procedures and routines that we will have to put in place. We will spend a lot of time on these days focusing on recovery and reconnection with school.

We understand that some students may need to come on a morning bus if they are accompanying a younger sibling – contingency plans will be put in place for these students. We thank you for your support on these days. On Monday 7th September the school day will start at 8.30am for all students.

These details will all be reissued in August and will be posted onto the school website.

Results days

Parents and Carers of Year 11 and 13 should have received letters regarding results days and enrolment in the last week. Please read these letters carefully as they stipulate the measures we have had to put in place for this year's results days. The letters about results day can be found on our website

here: <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/examinations/> or <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/coronavirus-updates/year-11-and-13-information/>

Remote learning and student questionnaire

We have posted on Class Charts this week, a message for students which includes a questionnaire. This is about how students are feeling about returning to school and will help us to support them when they return. Please encourage your child to complete this over the next couple of days if they haven't already, so that form tutors and pastoral managers can be fully aware of how students might need supporting when they return.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X0SbBKBtc06r0AH9Dcqd58w31_C0fqRAjLdm7bsCZRJUNjFFQU5VSU5WS1FJWDFBMjVaMkhWMDU3TS4u

We are incredibly proud of how hard students have been working and the difficulties they have faced. They will, of course, need a good rest this summer. Teachers are preparing for September by considering how to re-engage and help students to reconnect not only with each other and their teachers, but also with their classroom learning habits. We are also developing a programme of recovery which focuses on well being, which will run throughout the first half term.

A reminder about the overview of all topics covered before and during lock down on our school website. <https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/coronavirus-updates/distance-learning/>

Summer closure

The school will be closed to all students over the summer break. The government has announced that schools will not offer provision for vulnerable or key worker students. The Office email account will be checked at regular intervals from the week beginning 10th August - please allow us a few days to respond to your enquiry.

I would like to thank you all for your support for the school this year. I wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer and we very much look forward to the return of all students in September.

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher