

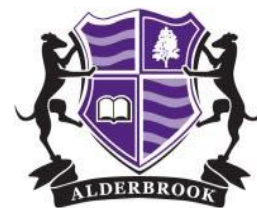
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to meeting our new cohorts in Years 7 and 12, and to welcoming all students back to Alderbrook next week. I am writing to update you on our planning for the Autumn Term. Attached you will find our updated information and FAQ documents for both parents/carers and students. Please read this information carefully as they contain all the necessary details for students to return to school safely. On our school website you will also find a copy of our overarching Health & Safety Risk Assessment.

I raise a few important points here:

Start of Term, September 2020

The first two days of the school year will be staggered to enable all students to safely return to school. 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

8.30- Year 7 A-K surnames go to Malley Hall
L-Z surnames go to Cartwright Hall

NB: Staff will be stationed across the site to direct students to these areas.

9.15- Year 12 All go to Cartwright Hall

9.30 – Year 8 Forms 1- 6 go to Malley Hall
Forms 7-11 go to Sports Hall

Friday 4th September: All Students

8.15-8.30 – Year 7 and 8 - Go to straight to form room

8.30- Year 9 Forms 1 – 6 go to Malley Hall
Forms 7-11 go to Cartwright Hall

9.15- Year 10 Forms 1-6 go to Malley Hall
Forms 7-11 go to Cartwright Hall

9.30 -Year 11 Go straight to form room

9.45- Year 13 All students go to Cartwright Hall

10.45 Year 12 All students go to form room

Changes to the school day:

Please note that the timings of the school day are slightly different to previous years; all students will be issued with these timings on their first day of term. The timings below begin on Monday 7th September and will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn term.

Year 7/8/10		Year 9/11/12/13	
Period 1	08.30-09.30	Period 1	08.30-09.30
Period 2	09.30-10.30	Period 2	09.30-10.30
Break	10.30-10.55	Form	10.30-10.55
Form	10.55-11.20	Break	10.55-11.20
Period 3	11.20-12.20	Period 3	11.20-12.20
Lunch	12.20-12.50	Period 4	12.20-13.20
Period 4	12.50-13.50	Lunch	13.20-13.50
Period 5	13.50-14.45/50	Period 5	13.50-14.45/50

NB: Years 7, 8 and 9 will finish the school day at 2.45pm and Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will finish at 2.50pm. This is to ensure more staggered movement when students leave the school site.

Subject risk assessments

Risk assessments have been written for all subjects and, where necessary, curriculum leaders have re-written their curriculum plans for the Autumn term based on these risk assessments.

Please see the attached document for a list of equipment that all students will be required to bring into school. Initially, we will be asking students to come to school in their PE kit on days when they have PE lessons. They will have to wear their blazers over their PE kit. Hooded sweatshirts or non-Alderbrook sports items will not be permitted.

We are aware that this solution still presents some issues and so we will keep this under review.

Trips and wider curricular

We have already decided that no trips will take place in the Autumn Term but we are working with external providers to look at what will be possible. A reduced wider curricular programme will be in place, with activities limited to those that can take place in year groups.

Blended learning

We have worked on contingency plans for different scenarios that may need to be implemented if the national or local situation changes. It is important that we remain agile so that we can move from one provision to another with minimum fuss and minimum impact on learning. If a student is self-isolating, they will have access to all classwork via Microsoft teams.

We will endeavour to keep all parents and carers regularly updated as the Autumn term starts and progresses. Our first priority is to protect the safety of every student and staff member at Alderbrook and we are excited to get going. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the normal channels. Normal office and reception hours will resume on Tuesday 1st September,

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher