

Alderbrook School

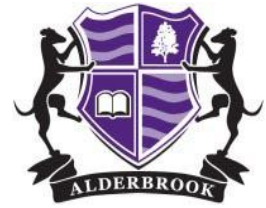
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this week; we understand it is a concerning time and the school will continue to do everything it can to protect its community. The one confirmed case in the school, which I wrote to you about in my letter yesterday, was confirmed to have come about due to transmission outside of school. The swift action we have taken to self-isolate students is on the advice of Public Health England. With the increase in cases locally, we are introducing mandatory face coverings for students and staff in communal areas in the school. We ask for your support in ensuring students arrive at school with appropriate face coverings and storage for these. Face coverings will not be mandatory in the classroom although students can wear them if they choose to.

If any student is self-isolating, they should have received instructions of how to access their work from home. Where possible, we are offering live remote lessons and more details of our full contingency plan will be shared with students and parents over the next two weeks.

Year 7 Information Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our online event. If you were unable to attend, or if you have any questions you'd like answered, please visit the Transition area of the school website where you will find the Powerpoint presentation and a form to fill in for questions. There is also an informative video by Mrs Jo Wright, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Start and end of the school day

Please can I remind you all that, where possible, students should not be arriving at the school site before 8.15am. This is so we can ensure that students can go to their classrooms as soon as they arrive on the school site and it limits congestion. If you need to drop your child off or pick them up, please do so well away from the school gates; the large number of cars stopping close to the gates is creating congestion on Blossomfield Road and Dingle lane and is a safety risk.

It has been fantastic to see a large number of students travelling to school on their bikes. Please can you support us in reminding students that they should dismount their bikes before reaching the school gates and they should not be ridden on the school site at any time.

Biometrics

We have now enrolled every year group except Year 12 onto our biometric finger-printing system. We were unable to enrol Year 12 due to another technical fault but will do so as soon as possible. In our correspondence on 25th August, we outlined that we would not be using biometrics in the immediate future. We have now risk assessed that we can safely use finger-printing in order for students to pay for their food at the serveries. All students use hand sanitiser in the queue before using the equipment, and the equipment is cleaned with appropriate disinfectant inbetween every use. We then ask students to again use hand sanitiser after they have collected their food. This is also optional – students are able to provide their name to pay for food instead.

Equipment

Please can you ensure that all students are bringing to school the equipment that we outlined in our correspondence before term started. Glue sticks are particularly important so students can stick any loose sheets into their books. The full list is:

- At least two black or blue writing pens
- Pencil and rubber
- Green pen for self marking
- Coloured pens/highlighters
- Ruler
- Glue stick to keep all marked work together
- Scientific Calculator
- Reading book

Year 10 Photographs

Year 10 photographs that were scheduled for today were postponed and will be re-arranged for another date and we will of course be in touch with you about that.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher