

Alderbrook School

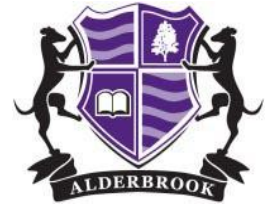
Blossomfield Road
Solihull
West Midlands
B91 1SN

Tel: 0121 704 2146

Email: office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

Web: www.alderbrookschool.co.uk

Company registered England & Wales no. 07687619



BET/MAC

3 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Ahead of the Covid-19 Testing programme and wider reopening of school, this letter and the attached documents contain some important information. Please take time to read these carefully.

Attached Guidance

Attached to this letter are 4 information documents:

1. Student instructions for attending asymptomatic testing at school prior to their return. If you have not yet given consent for your child to be tested, please do so today (Wednesday 3 March) by following the instructions outlined in the letter [here](#).
2. FAQ document in response to the survey we sent out last week. The first two sections address questions on asymptomatic testing at school and the wearing of face coverings. The rest of the document was originally published ahead of the return to school in September and has been updated to reflect current guidance.
3. Health and Safety information document for parents and students. This document states the return date for all students, outlines the procedures in place for the return to school, and states the measures in place to reduce risk within our community. Please can we ask that all students bring surplus face masks to school in case these are lost or broken during the school day.
4. A letter from SMBC for all parents and carers.

You will also find an updated Operational Risk Assessment, and a new risk assessment for Asymptomatic Testing on our school website.

Postponement to 17 March INSET Day

In the school calendar there is a staff training day scheduled for Wednesday 17 March. We have made the decision to postpone this training day, **all students should attend school as normal**. The reason we have reached this decision is that a training day is usually scheduled at this time of year to support staff in moderating assessment work ahead of the summer exam series, and to give students in exam year groups the opportunity to work on coursework before deadlines. With the cancellation of the summer exams, and the lost learning time of all students, we do not now feel this would be an appropriate date to hold a training day. We are therefore proposing that we



Alderbrook School
& Sixth Form

AMBITION | BRAVERY | KINDNESS

move this date to the summer term (exact date to be confirmed). Thank you for your understanding.

Postponement of Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams

Both Year 10 and Year 12 currently have mock exams scheduled for the first half of the summer term. We have made the decision to postpone these exams until late June or early July, giving students more time now to focus on learning. An exact date for the mocks will be published well in advance.

Year 11 and Year 13

As I stated in my letter to parents and students last Friday, we are working to produce information on how students will be assessed this summer. The key message remains that students should continue to work hard and not be too focused on how they will be assessed, we will publish this information as soon as we are confident that we have a robust and fair system in place.

Return for all

We are very excited to welcome all students back into school over the next week. While we are aware that it might not be possible for all work, students should try to collate as much as possible on their return to school to hand in to their teachers. We hope to be able to celebrate with them the successes they have had over the last few months.

With very best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher