

# Alderbrook School

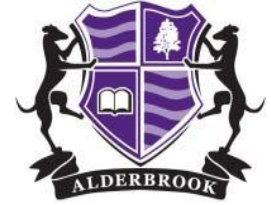
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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a difficult few weeks in school and I'd like to start by thanking you all for your continued patience and support. A large number of students and staff have had to isolate and, for some, this will mean starting the summer break at home. We are having to make decisions on a day-to-day basis with what is a fast-changing situation.

Unfortunately we are continuing to have positive cases of COVID-19 in the school community. Yesterday we had a positive case in Year 9 which has meant Year 9 have worked remotely today. We have had further cases in Years 8, 9 and 10 today and the details of these cases are below. Having consulted with Public Health and the Education team at SMBC this morning, we have reached the difficult decision to ask **Years 8, 9 and 10 to work remotely for the rest of term**. There are now a number of active cases in each of these year groups. We are desperately disappointed not to have students in school at what is usually a lovely time of the school year, but we cannot guarantee that there will not be further spread of the virus. We do not want to ask yet more students to start their summer break in isolation, and we also have had to take into account that a large number of staff are currently having to isolate.

Year 7 and 12 can still attend school next week. There are a number of events planned for the start of the week, and we want students in these year groups to have a chance to participate in these.

Below are some updates ahead of the last few days of term for year groups at home and in school. I will write to you on the last day of term to mark the end of the school year.

## Cases

### Case 1

A Year 10 student received a positive test result via a LFD test today. The student was last in school on Wednesday 14 July and we have been advised to ask anyone who was a close contact on that day or the day before to isolate. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who was a close contact with the Year 10 student.**

### Case 2

A Year 9 student received a positive test result via a LFD test yesterday. The student was last in school on Thursday 15 July and we have been advised to ask anyone who was a close contact on that day or the 2 days before to isolate. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who was a close contact with the Year 9 student.**

### **Case 3**

A Year 9 student received a positive test result via a LFD test today. The student was last in school on Monday 12 July and we have been advised to ask anyone who was a close contact on that day to isolate. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who was a close contact with the Year 9 student.**

### **Case 4**

A Year 8 student received a positive test result via a LFD test today. The student was last in school on Tuesday 13 July and we have been advised to ask anyone who was a close contact on that day or the day before to isolate. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who was a close contact with the Year 8 student.**

### **Remote Lessons (Y8, Y9, Y10, and all students isolating)**

Remote teaching will continue for Monday, Tuesday and until the end of Period 3 on Wednesday. Where at all possible, lessons will be taught live via Microsoft Teams. Please bear in mind that some live teaching may not be possible as a number of staff are having to isolate and we also have athletics championships happening for Year 7 and 12 on Monday. Where a teacher cannot teach live, resources will be uploaded to Teams for students to access.

### **Precautionary measures in school from Monday**

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case, to identify close contacts. However, as we only have 3 days of term remaining, we will continue to trace contacts for the rest of the school term. We also ask that face masks continue to be worn in all internal areas in the school and on any school transport.

### **Year 7 and 12 on Monday**

On Monday we are holding a number of competitions in school for Years 7 and 12. For part of the day students will be out on the field taking part in the annual athletics championships. All students should come into school wearing their Alderbrook PE kit.

### **Non-school uniform day on Wednesday**

Wednesday will be a non-school uniform day for Year 7 and 12. We are asking all students to bring £1 into school which will be donated to the Marjorie Willis Foundation.

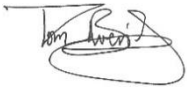
## Arrangements for end of term on Wednesday

A reminder that term ends at 1pm on Wednesday. The school taxis and buses will arrive for pick up at this time; we have been informed that students who catch the 49 bus will need to catch the public bus on Blossomfield Road.

## End of Year Survey

Thank you to all who have completed the end of year parent survey. Please take the time to complete this if you have not had the chance to, it will take 5-10 minutes to complete. It is available [here](#) and will provide us with valuable feedback. The deadline for completion is Monday 19 July.

Best wishes



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Headteacher