

Alderbrook School

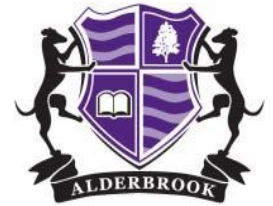
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Dear Parents/Carers

7 October 2021

We are already over half way through our first Autumn half term and the students have settled in really well and are working hard.

Covid 19 update

We have seen a slight rise in positive Covid cases over the last week with 9 cases across the school community, 5 of which are in Year 8. This is a reminder that vigilance is key and that by continuing to ask your child to take lateral flow tests on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, you are helping to prevent the further spread of the virus. If your child's lateral flow test is positive, you then need to book a PCR test. Please be aware that if your child is symptomatic, they should not do a lateral flow test. Instead, a PCR test needs to be booked as soon as possible. If cases continue to rise we will seek further advice from the Public Health Team and introduce additional measures where necessary.

Pupils should remain at home and not come into school if:

- They are displaying symptoms (these include a high temperature, cough, loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, headache, runny nose and sneezing)
- They have tested positive on a lateral flow test
- They are awaiting a PCR test result having shown symptoms
- They have tested positive on a PCR test

Solihull Council have issued a useful guidance document for parents and carers to refer to, please see the link below.

[Covid case procedure](#)

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas, although staff and pupils can still choose to do so. It is advised that face coverings should still be worn on school buses and public transport.

Exams 2022

Ofqual and the DfE have recently announced the plan for GCSE and A Level exams next summer. We will be writing shortly to all Year 11 and Year 13 parents about this. More information can be found here: [Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Careers Convention

A reminder that Alderbrook School will be hosting the Careers Convention on Thursday 14 October from 6 – 8.00 pm based in Malley Hall and the Gantry Theatre, with entry via the Edge building.

The Careers Convention has been organised to give students and parents/carers the opportunity to discuss possible career openings with representatives able to offer expert advice in most areas of business, commerce, colleges of further education and higher education institutes.

The students will be able to ask questions and to explore in some detail the different routes available once they finish their education. The Careers Convention is just one of the ways in which we are supporting our students through providing independent information, advice and guidance. We look forward to welcoming students from years 10-13 and their parents/carers to this key event in their school calendar.

Senior Leadership Team Drop in

Our Senior Leadership Team including myself, would like to invite all of our parents and carers over the course of this academic year to various drop in sessions. These will give us a chance to meet face to face which has been so difficult during the past 18 months and strengthen our interaction and communication with you all. Our first drop in session is planned for Monday 18 October between 4.30 and 5.30 and is open to all parents and carers across our year groups who would like to meet and chat. These drop ins will be informal, and offer you a chance to ask us about the school, our plans, and any individual queries. Please fill in the link to the Microsoft Form below to indicate if you will be joining us on 18 October. Further dates will be advertised later in the term.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X0SbBKBtc06r0AH9Dcqd5-RiaihGapBlpCe2RBI2t4pUOE1SN0wzVEk5TFI0OE4yUjFaVjVMUVRVOS4u>

Flu vaccination programme

We are offering students in all year groups the opportunity to receive a flu vaccination at school. These will take place on Thursday 2 December 2021 and your son or daughter will shortly bring home a consent form which will need to be completed and returned to Pupil Reception before this date please. There are links below to two documents from Birmingham Community Healthcare which you may find helpful to read.

[Vaccines porcine gelatine](#)

[Leaflet for secondary schools](#)

Lastly, can I please remind all of our parents and carers that unless you have an appointment with a member of staff, or a pass to drop off or pick up your child on site, you should not be coming onto site either for transporting your child or to bring items into school. If your child has forgotten something there are procedures including borrowing PE kit or uniform, a hot meal if they have forgotten a lunch etc. We are encouraging your child to be independent and resilient as well as organised. In addition the safeguarding and welfare of all our students is paramount and increased traffic and unaccounted visitors must be avoided wherever possible. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher