

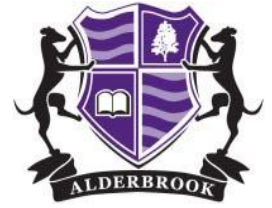
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Dear Parents/Carers

Please see information below from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, on the launch of [The Big Ambition](#), a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better. Dame de Souza has outlined this campaign as follows:

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

By sharing my survey far and wide, you'll be ensuring children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

I am grateful for your ongoing support.

Free School Meals – Frequently Asked Questions

We have had a number of queries from parents/carers and students and thought it would be helpful to include answers to the most commonly asked questions. Please direct any other related enquiry to 201office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

- Free school meals - daily allowance to be used at lunchtime only
- Purchases made in excess of this amount at lunchtime must be funded by parents/carers by adding money to their child's ParentPay account
- Purchases made before school or at break time must be funded by parents/carers by adding money to their child's ParentPay account
- Unspent lunchtime allowance cannot be carried over to the next day



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- If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply by visiting: www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm
- ParentPay only shows the money that parents/carers have paid into their child's account, and the purchases that have been paid for with that money, which will be anything over and above the daily FSM allowance. Any purchases made using the daily FSM allowance do not, therefore, show on ParentPay.

Year 7 and 8 Parent Workshops

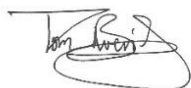
It was wonderful to see so many families here for our Year 7 and 8 parent workshops on Tuesday evening. There were two workshops on offer: one on parenting teenagers and one on E-Safety. Copies of the presentations will be available on our website from early next week.

Important dates

Just a reminder about some important upcoming dates:

Monday 9th October – Year 9 Information Evening, 6pm
Wednesday 11th October – Year 13 parents' evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 18th October – Year 8 Information Evening, 6pm
Thursday 19th October – Year 7 Tutor Evening, 2.15pm-6pm
Monday 23rd October – Parent workshop on self-harm awareness, 5pm
Wednesday 25th October – KS4 Presentation Evening – 7pm

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher

