

Alderbrook School

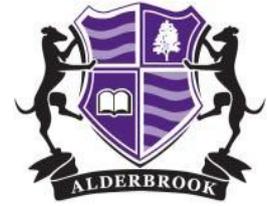
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Dear Parents and Carers

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Knife crime and your child's safety

As you may be aware, there was a serious incident on Saturday 7th February in Shirley, which is under police investigation. Please be assured that our students' safety is always our utmost priority, and we are committed to doing whatever we can to ensure they are safe inside and outside of our school environment.

At Alderbrook, we are proactive in our education around safeguarding and plan for regular input from the safeguarding team and outside agencies. We know that some of you may be having difficult conversations with your child/ren about this incident. To help you navigate this, it may be helpful for you to be aware of the specific themes we have previously covered with them. Safety education is a continuous embedded feature of our curriculum. This includes:

- **Trusted adult awareness.** All students are encouraged to identify a trusted adult they can speak to in school if they have any worries or concerns.
- **Alderbrook PSHE Programme.** Our PSHE programme is carefully planned for each year group. There are elements of personal safety that are taught every year. We emphasise the need for wise choices and we highlight the impact on individuals. Our three Life Ready Days are also planned to guide students towards wise choices with regard to Living in the Wider World.
- **Behaviour and expectations assemblies.** These happen regularly to remind students of expectations in and around school but also in the wider community.
- **Form time activities.** As a school, we make use of the platform Votes for Schools which supports us discussing relevant and pressing topics with students and allows them the opportunity to share their views.
- **Knife Crime Awareness.** Each year we highlight the impact of knife crime during knife crime awareness week (18–24 May 2026). We have and will continue to work with the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership to provide students additional opportunities to understand the dangers around banned and prohibited items such as the use of VR Headsets and the Precious Lives guest speakers.
- **Safer internet day assembly.** We have recently had Mr Oni leading an assembly on the dangers of social media for all students Years 7- 13.

Classcharts /TikTok

We have recently been made aware of a concerning online safety issue involving the misuse of Class Charts accounts. It has come to our attention that some students from other schools are sharing their Class Charts login details along with their date of birth on a TikTok account titled 'loggingintoclasscharts'. As a result, unauthorised individuals are gaining access to students' Class Charts accounts. This behaviour poses a significant risk to students' personal information and online safety and is a clear breach of school acceptable use and safeguarding policies.

We do not believe that any Alderbrook students have been involved in this activity, but wanted to make you aware of the risk. We ask for your support in speaking with your child about the importance of keeping all login details private and secure. Students should never share passcodes or personal information online, regardless of the platform or perceived humour of the situation. We will continue to reinforce messages around digital safety and responsible online behaviour to students in school.

If you believe your child may have shared their passcode online, please email itsupport@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk

Alderbrook featured on BBC News

We have today been featured on BBC West Midlands, with an extended report on this evening's television news, focusing on our strategies to reduce the negative impacts of smartphones and social media. I'd like to thank all the students who were involved; they were such brilliant role models for our school. You can see the print version [here](#).

Safeguarding Newsletters in partnership with The Enlightened Parent

A reminder that at the beginning of this academic year we talked to you about access to a regular safeguarding newsletter in partnership with The Enlightened Parent. These newsletters offer guidance, advice and support on a wide variety of issues and we hope, will help when having these important conversations with your child. There is a dedicated area on our school website [here](#) where you can access these newsletters easily and will be updated each month with the latest newsletter. We hope you find this source of safeguarding information useful.

HPV vaccinations

For those year 8 students who did not receive the HPV vaccination on either Monday or Tuesday, the immunisation team will be back in school on Monday 2nd March. We will inform students nearer the time.

Calendar reminders

February Half Term 16-20 February
All students back on Monday 23 February
Wednesday 4 March – Year 10 Parents evening
Monday 9 March – Year 11 & 13 leavers photographs

Thursday 12 March – Year 11 Intervention Evening

Tuesday 17 March – Life Ready Day

Tuesday 24 March – Spring concert

Wednesday 25 March – Year 13 Intervention evening

Thursday 26 March – End of term for students, returning on Monday 13 April

Friday 27 March – INSET day (school is open for staff only and GCSE students invited to complete NEA)

We have some students out on trips over the February half term and hope all who are travelling to Italy and the Spanish Pyrenees have a wonderful and memorable experience. I wish all our students and families a relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 23 February.

Best wishes



Mr T Beveridge
Headteacher