



Aldercar High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued help and support with our efforts to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Our thoughts are now turning to the end of this term and the start of the next.

To celebrate the end of the Autumn Term on Wednesday 22nd December we will be:

- having Christmas dinner (at a cost of £2.50);
- giving students the opportunity to wear Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper for non-uniform day (for a donation of £1);
- finishing the term for:

Year 7 at 1.15pm

Year 8 at 1pm

Year 9 at 12.45pm

Year 10 at 12.30pm

Years 11, 12 and 13 at 12.15pm

If your child needs to stay on the school site until 2.45pm, please contact pupil reception by Monday 20th December and we will arrange for them to be supervised.

As we return in January for the Spring term, you may be aware that the Government is once again asking that all secondary schools test pupils at the start of term in order to reduce the risk of transmission, so that we can identify positive cases and isolate those that are contagious as soon as practical. They also advise that this initial on-site test should then be followed up by a further Lateral Flow Test at home 3-4 days after. Students should then continue their twice weekly testing at home.

As a result, all students will be invited in to school for an appointment to have their test. Appointment times will be sent out next week and students are asked to arrive via the Sports Hall gate to attend their test in the Sports Hall at their allocated time.

Whilst testing is not legally required, I strongly advise that you agree to your child being tested so that we can best protect our students, staff and community as much as possible. If you wish to opt your child out of the initial test, please email by 21st December 2021: info@aldercarhigh.co.uk and title the email: January COVID testing.

Students in Years 12 and 13 will attend their normal lessons from Monday 10th January 2022 after their test whilst students in Years 7 to 11 will start school on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 8.20am.

With this delay to the start of term, students in Years 7 to 11 will need to access remote learning as outlined on the website for the Monday and Tuesday.

In the new term, students will be required to continue to wear a clean and suitable face covering for each day which should be worn in all communal areas, unless they are exempt.

Communal areas at Aldercar High School will include all corridors and indoor spaces used by students moving between lessons and at break / lunchtime. Currently, the expectation for face coverings will not include being

worn in classrooms during lessons, but if any student or member of staff would prefer to wear a face covering during a lesson, they may of course do so.

If students arrive to school without a face covering, they will be asked to purchase one from reception at a cost of 50p.

With COVID continuing to pose problems, please could I remind you that should parents wish to speak to a member of staff, that telephone appointments can be made via the school reception. If a face to face meeting is required, these will then be arranged at a time suitable to both the parent and member of staff.

I would like to update you on some tweaks that we are making to the way that we communicate with you. We have currently 5 main methods of communication:

- email
- text message
- phone calls
- newsletter
- information on our website.

In the next few weeks we will be adding an exciting new development - the SIMS Parent App. This will allow you to see your child's daily attendance, their timetable and how many merits they have received that day. Your child's data report will also be added to this at the correct time. There will also be a facility to update you and your child's details.

We will send out an email link that will enable to you to download this App ready for January.

If you think that your email and phone number has changed recently, please could you update us by emailing info@aldercarhigh.co.uk

Finally, I would like to give you advanced warning that we need to move the planned Inset day from Friday 24th June to Monday 27th June 2022.

We hope that you have a wonderful festive season and we all look forward to seeing all of our students when school starts in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Hatto
Head Teacher