



27th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that this letter finds both you and your families as well as possible.

I am writing to thank you for all of your support since the start of the term. I am pleased to be able to report that students have made a positive start back to their education and life at Aldercar High School. Students are working hard and the atmosphere is calm and purposeful. Students are clearly making a great deal of effort to meet our school expectations and routines in relation to attitude to learning, uniform, behaviour, communication, manners and perseverance.

Our students have made a strong start with attending school, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with this. Over the summer period, we contacted you regarding the importance of school attendance. Good attendance to school is vital if students are to achieve academic success and to have the best possible life chances.

We are very proud of the results that our students achieved this summer. However when analysing the specific impact of attendance at our school on our students' results, it is clear that absence has a detrimental impact. Students with less than 50% attendance achieved on average 1.5 grades lower in every subject that they studied than students nationally. For students with below 90% attendance, they achieved on average a third of a grade lower in every subject that they studied than students nationally. It is clear that the more learning students miss, the more challenging it is for them to catch up.

We have a team of staff at school who work on and monitor school attendance. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with school uniform. An overwhelming number of students are wearing their full uniform with pride with shirts tucked in, top buttons done up and plain black footwear. However, I am asking for your support with those students who wear a skirt. Please could you encourage students to not roll these up? Some skirts are being worn very short and are not of a respectable length.

Just a reminder with the weather on the turn, students should come to school in an outdoor coat and any hoodies need to be removed whilst on school site. Any refusal with regards to uniform will result in the beginning of our warning and behaviour system.

Many thanks for the support of parents in ensuring that students are fully equipped for learning. The vast majority of students are bringing a school bag to school every day along with the following equipment in them:

- black pen
- red pen
- pencil
- ruler
- rubber

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- mini whiteboard
- mini whiteboard pen
- mini whiteboard rubber

The school recognises the desire of some parents and carers for their child to have a mobile phone so that they can make contact for safety purposes. If mobile phones or other electronic devices are brought into school, they should be not seen or heard throughout the whole of the school day. It is expected that phones should be out of sight and switched off.

In the case of emergency, mobile phones may be used before the start of the school day or after school. During the school day, any contact with students should be made via the reception. If a student is using a mobile phone or electronic device or one is heard without permission, it will be removed from the student and be available for collection at the end of the school day. If the above happens more than once in a week, parents will need to collect the phone from reception.

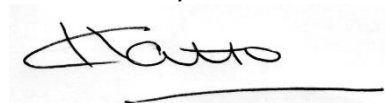
We have seen an increase in the use of our Car Park at both the beginning and end of the school day. In the interests of safety, we ask that students who arrive by car, are deposited at the turning circle at the top of the Sports Hall Gates and are then picked up from there at the end of the school day. Cars should not be brought into the school car park unless it is for exceptional circumstances and has been agreed by school.

Just a reminder of the remaining Inset Days for this academic year:

Inset Day 4	Monday 6 th January 2025
Inset Day 5	Friday 20 th June 2025
Inset Day 6	TBC

Thank you very much for the invaluable support that we have received over the last few days and I look forward to working closely with you throughout this academic year.

Yours sincerely.



Mrs C Hatto
Head Teacher

