

# Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Year 7 Transition Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

I hope that you have all managed to experience our 'virtual induction' through the transition section of our website. I am pleased that we can welcome all of our students back into school in September but I still want to ensure that our new year 7 students have the opportunity to visit the school before their formal timetable begins. As such, your child's transition day will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. This will give your child the opportunity to meet their form tutor, spend time in their form room and find out a little more about the arrangements for the academic year before students from other year groups return.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, your child should arrive at school for 8.45am. They can arrive either at the front entrance of school or via the back gate entrance, members of staff will be available to direct children from 8.30am. If parents are dropping students off at the front of school, I ask that you remain in your car in order to reduce the number of people on the school site.

Students should attend Alder in full school uniform including their 'house' coloured ties which can be purchased from our usual uniform suppliers. Please check the uniform information carefully and if you are in doubt about any shoes or uniform purchases, please check with school prior to purchasing. Students will also need to bring a bag to school which will include their essential equipment (as stated in the parent handbook) plus the preferred equipment of a glue stick, pencil crayons, a pencil sharpener and a pack of tissues. The preferred equipment will help us as a school to reduce cross-contamination in the classroom. Our uniform and equipment policies are enclosed.

During the transition day, students will meet with their form tutor and form group, have a tour of the relevant sections of the school (including the dining hall) and join in with a number of 'getting to know you' activities. They will also be introduced to their Progress Leader, Mr Heaton and the SENCo, Mrs Bibby. They will finish the day at 2.30pm. Students can be picked up from the front entrance or the back gate. They can of course, walk home alone with your permission. If parents are collecting by car please bear in mind the parking restrictions in force and the fact that the car park will already be busy. Again, I ask that parents collecting students remain in their car whilst on the school site. It might be easier to meet children at the back of school near the open ground between Shaw Avenue and Grange Road South.

We operate a cashless catering system. Please ensure that you have set up an account on ParentPay (your activation letter has been posted to you) and funds have been added so that your child can purchase items from the dining hall for break and lunch. There will be a limited lunchtime menu. Students can bring a packed lunch and a healthy snack for their break time if you would prefer. Students entitled to free school meals will automatically receive a lunch.

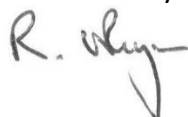


On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September school will re-open to all students. Year 7 will start at 8:35am and finish at 2:45pm. Please also visit our school website [www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk](http://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk) where there is additional information about the re-opening of school. This will be updated regularly throughout the summer as our plans and risk assessments are finalised.

I know your child will have an enjoyable first day with us but if you have any queries about the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to meeting your child in September. In the meantime, I wish you and your family, a restful and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely



**Richard O'Regan**  
**Headteacher**

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