



# Alder Community High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Welcome to Alder

I am pleased to inform you that our formal transition process, 'Welcome to Alder', will take place next week. This is the first time since 2019 that we have been able to welcome our students and parents into school for this and our staff are thoroughly looking forward to meeting both yourselves and your children.

I would like to invite you to attend our transition evening on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022** (timings below). During this evening, you and your child will be welcomed into the main hall to hear speeches from myself and Mrs Littlemore (Year 7 Progress Leader). You will also be given the opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor and raise any questions you may have about the transition process. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, you will be advised of the name of your child's form tutor.

Student surname A-J – arrival at school for 5.20pm, main speeches commence at 5.30pm.

Student surname K-Z – arrival at school for 6.10pm, main speeches commence at 6.20pm.

Your child's transition days will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Students should attend both transition days **wearing their primary school uniform**.

**On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, your child should arrive at school for 9am**. 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 8.50am. Students will be escorted to the main hall where they will sit with their form tutor.

During the transition days, 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 learn about our Alder Values and our Alder House System. They will also be introduced to their Progress Leader, Mrs Littlemore and the SENDCo, Mrs Howarth. **They will finish the day at 2.15pm**. 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 student by car please bear in mind the parking restrictions in force and the fact that the car park will already be busy. It might be easier to meet children at the back of school near the open ground between Shaw Avenue and Grange Road South.

There will be a limited lunchtime menu available on Thursday and Friday. If you would like your child to have a school dinner, there will be a charge of £2.32 per day to cover the cost of lunch and a drink. This can be paid for on ParentPay or by sending £4.64 cash in an envelope with the child's name on. ParentPay activation letters will be issued to parents on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Students can bring a packed lunch and a healthy snack for their break time if they would prefer. Students entitled to free school meals will automatically receive a lunch.



I know your child will have two enjoyable days 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 children and welcoming them to our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely



**Richard O'Regan**  
Headteacher

