

July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Preparing for September 2020 - Parent Information Sheet I

On 2nd July 2020 the Department for Education published guidance for the full reopening of schools in September. This means that ALL students are expected to return to school; attendance is compulsory.

This is the first in a series of newsletters which will explain the changes we will make to our normal school procedures in the autumn term.

Important Dates

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Training

Wednesday 2nd September – Staff Training

Thursday 3rd September - Induction day for Years 7 and 12 at Ealing Road

Friday 4th September - Induction day for Years 7 and 12 at Ealing Road

Monday 7th September - All students return for Wellbeing Day

Year 7: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)

Year 8: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Ealing Road)

Year 9: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Ealing Road)

Year 10: 9:00am to 2:15pm (Stanley Avenue)

Year 11: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Stanley Avenue)

Year 12: 8:30am to 1:45pm (Ealing Road)

Year 13: 9:30am to 2:45pm (Stanley Avenue)

Tuesday 8th September - All students in school for Ready to Learn Day – times as above

Wednesday 9th September - Normal lessons for all year groups

Year 7: 8:30am to 3:25pm (Ealing Road)

Year 8: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Ealing Road)

Year 9: 8:30am to 3:05pm (Ealing Road)

Year 10: 8:30am to 3:05pm (Stanley Avenue)

Year 11: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Stanley Avenue)

Year 12: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Ealing Road)

Year 13: 8:30am to 3:15pm (Stanley Avenue)

Thursday 10th September onwards – Normal lessons for all year groups

Term Dates are available on the school website:

<http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk/our-school/key-information/school-times-and-dates/>



Please note that each year group will receive 5½ hours of learning time every day. We have managed to stagger the end of the day by slightly reducing the length of lunchtime. This will not impact on the length of time children will have in the classroom.

Before your Child Returns to School

1. Health

It is extremely important that you **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are showing any symptoms of coronavirus. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You **MUST NOT** send your child to school if you or anyone in your household has tested positive for coronavirus in the last 7 days.

2. Equipment

Children will not be allowed to share equipment. Every student must bring their own basic equipment:

- Pencil case with black pens, a green pen, pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener, colouring pencils
- Glue stick
- Calculator
- Reusable water bottle

3. Uniform

Full School uniform is compulsory.

- **Black** blazer with Alperton logo
- **White** school shirt
- School tie
- **Grey** jumper with school logo
- **Grey** tailored trousers (boys and girls) *OR*
- **Grey** tailored skirts (“tube skirts” are not permitted). Skirts must be longer than knee-length and shorter than ankle-length)
- **Black** leather polish-able shoes (No trainers)
- **Grey** hijab
- **Waterproof Jacket/Coat** (for outdoor wear at break and lunchtime)

4. Travel to School

We strongly encourage all children to walk or cycle to school. Please note that if your child travels to school by bus, TfL currently limits the number of passengers allowed on each bus. This means students are likely to wait longer than normal. We strongly recommend that all students commuting by public transport set off earlier than normal in the morning. If you are considering driving your child to school, please be aware that traffic enforcement regulations are in place at Alperton underground station. Please note that all students are expected to be **on site and ready for registration at 8:30am.**

5. End of Day Procedures

We have introduced a staggered end to the school day so that different year groups leave school at different times. As explained above, this change will not impact on the amount of learning time children receive. We have introduced this change to ensure that children from different year groups do not mix on the way home. These rules apply to Year 10 and 11 students at Stanley Avenue as well as Key Stage 3 students at Ealing Road.

Students **MUST** go straight home and must not loiter. They are **NOT** allowed to go into any of the local shops at the end of the school day. If students are visiting shops they will mix unnecessarily in indoor spaces with adults as well as children from other year groups. This will put them, and other children, at risk of Coronavirus.

Please **DO NOT** give your child cash to bring to school to buy food. All purchases in school are made through the online parent pay system. Please note we have commissioned a new catering company called Innovate and they begin working with us in September. We have been very positive about the food they have provided so far. We will send more information about this company and their menus over the summer break.

In order to increase road safety and improve the flow of traffic on the Ealing Road we have introduced a “**lollipop person**” to supervise the pedestrian crossing directly in front of the Ealing Road main gates. Children who live on the Atlip Road side of Ealing Road or children who catch buses towards Ealing or Perivale must wait inside the school gates until they are told they can cross the road.

We have also introduced a queuing system for the bus stop outside the school on the Ealing Road. Children travelling home by bus will **no longer queue at the bus stop on Ealing Road**, instead they will queue inside the school grounds and will be escorted to the bus by a member of staff. We have done this to improve social distancing on the pavement outside the school, to minimise any possibility of road accidents at the bus stop and to prevent queue jumping at the bus stop.

Please inform your Pastoral Manager if you would like an older child to wait for a younger brother or sister at the end of the school day. Your Pastoral Manager will provide the older child with a special pass and explain where they need to wait inside the school grounds for younger siblings.

I look forward to sending you the next Parent Information Sheet which will cover changes to procedures during the school day.

Yours sincerely,



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HEADTEACHER