

1 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to wish you and your child a very warm welcome to Alperton Community School.

We have been very busy throughout the summer preparing for our September reopening. We have thought really carefully about how we will make the school as safe as possible. This week we will train our teachers on our new procedures and routines. Having met all of our teachers today I can confidently say they are very keen to get back to the classroom and start teaching again.

The first induction days for Year 7 will take place later this week on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. We have chosen these days because no other year groups will be in school, so Year 7 will have the whole building to themselves.

	Thursday 3rd September	Friday 4th September
7K, 7L, 7N, 7P, 7Q, 7R	Arrive: 9am Leave: 12 noon	Arrive: 12:30pm Leave: 3:30pm
7S, 7T, 7V, 7W, 7X, 7Y	Arrive: 12:30pm Leave: 3:30pm	Arrive: 9am Leave: 12 noon

On **Monday 7th September** Year 7 will take part in a Wellbeing Day and on **Tuesday 8th September** Year 7 will take part in a Ready to Learn Day. The days will start at 8:30am and will finish at 1:45pm for all students.

Normal lessons for Year 7 will begin on **Wednesday 9th September**. Registration will commence at 8:30am and the school day will finish at 3:25pm. Please note that our term dates are available on the school website: <http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk/our-school/key-information/school-times-and-dates/>

In order to keep your child and our school community safe we have devised some very important safety rules.

1. Keeping Safe

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
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Also, 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

It is important that children do not share equipment. Students must bring their own basic equipment.

Our equipment list is:

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

3. Uniform

We expect all of our students to adhere to the school uniform:

- **Black** blazer with Alperton logo
- **White** school shirt and 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 TfL currently limits the number of passengers allowed on each bus. We strongly recommend you set off as early as possible if you are considering commuting by public transport. 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

At the end of the school day, Students **MUST** go straight home. 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 which may put them at risk of coronavirus. Children travelling home by bus will queue inside the school grounds and will be escorted to the bus stop by a member of staff.

6. Purchasing Food

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. For Parent Pay Guidance, please refer to our website <http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk/parents/information/parent-pay/>

We are delighted to inform you that we have commissioned a new catering company called Innovate and they begin working with us in September. Please take a few minutes to watch their welcome video and their Health & Safety message on You Tube.

Welcome to Innovate https://youtu.be/PbNx_ORv-YI

Health and Safety Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC0x95GeQI0&feature=youtu.be>

We will send more information about menus as the term progresses.

Once again, a very warm welcome to Alperton Community School. We will send further updates on how we have adapted our school routines to make sure your child is kept safe during the day. I look forward to meeting you and your child on Thursday and please do not hesitate to ask any questions when you meet with us for the first time.

Yours sincerely,



Gerard McKenna
HEADTEACHER