



July 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/carers of our transitioning Y6 students for their patience, forbearance and support over the last few months.

We are writing to advise you of the details of the start to the next academic year and also to share some information with you and your children before they start. I am sure that some parents will have concerns about their child returning to school, as some members of staff will about their own return.

### **Ensuring the safety of our school community**

We would like to reassure you that we are preparing using the Department for Education guidance that was issued recently and taking every possible precaution given the size of our school population and the nature of the site. A full copy of the school risk assessment will be published on the website for anyone who wishes to read it. There is a document enclosed with this letter which covers most of the measures being taken and I ask that you read through this together with your child. Your child's Form Teacher will go over this information on the first morning they are in school. Advice and guidance is constantly changing and therefore plans could change depending on Government advice. We will email you if there are any significant changes as well as putting information on the school website.

### **Y7 Induction Days**

We recognise that some key aspects of our normal induction process have not been possible and with this in mind we have decided to give the first two days of the new term over to our new Y7 students to allow them to experience some of the activities that they have missed.

We can therefore inform you that your child will be starting the next phase of their education at Aldridge School on **Thursday 3 September 2020**.

All Year 7 students should arrive through our **Tynings Lane entrance** only at **9.30 am** for a 9.40 am start in Goodsell Hall which, for this day only, can be accessed via A Block reception. They will attend a short assembly where they will be introduced to key members of staff, and they will be welcomed by the Headteacher, Mr Bryant.

Students should attend in full Aldridge School uniform, but there will be no need to bring any PE kits on either of the first two days.

The day will conclude with students being dismissed at **2.40 pm**. Students will exit via our **Tynings Lane gate**.

The second day of induction **Friday 4 September 2020** will again begin at **9.30 am** for a 9.40 am start. Once again, entrance to the site must be via our **Tynings Lane gate**. Barr, Daniels and Scott Students will report straight to their directed rooms. Linley students will report straight to Whitman Hall for a House assembly, although no student should enter the building unless directed by a member of staff.

The day will conclude at 2.40 pm. Students will again exit via our **Tynings Lane gate**.

**Lunch will be provided free of charge to all Year 7 students on the first day.**

**Start of term for all students**

All year groups will attend school on **Monday 7 September**. The school day for Year 7 will start at 8.45 am and end at 3.00 pm. Your child should enter the school site through the Tynings Lane gate only. Students should not enter the building unless directed by a member of staff.

**Please note**

May we also ask that you ensure you read, in conjunction with your child, the enclosed information for all students about the return in September? Please particularly read the information regarding travel, arrival times and avoiding picking up close to the school gates.

Cars are not permitted on the school site at the start and end of the school day, this is for your child's safety. When collecting your child by car please park responsibly and with consideration to our neighbours.

If you have any questions in respect of your child's transfer to Aldridge School, then please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate House Office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sedgwick', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Mr S Sedgwick  
Assistant Headteacher