



# AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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**Executive Headteacher:** Mr S Robertson

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of some works at the school that includes the removal of asbestos.

As with many older buildings in the UK, including schools, asbestos was used during the construction or refurbishment of school buildings before it became illegal in 1999.

We at Aylestone along with Herefordshire Council have a duty to manage asbestos. When asbestos is in good condition and not disturbed the risk of exposure is extremely low. EMS Asbestos (Specialist Consultants) have confirmed this continues to be the case at Aylestone.

We are now carrying out work on C Block to windows and other parts of the building fabric; this work necessitates removal of some materials containing asbestos.

The asbestos remediation works will be carried out by a licenced asbestos contractor under fully controlled conditions in line with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and notified to the Health & Safety Executive, which is a legal requirement. The asbestos contractors will be wearing protective equipment and the affected area will be fully sealed off from staff and pupils whilst the works are being delivered.

We will be closing the affected Block for the duration of the works; this will include reinstatement works following on from the removal of asbestos. Prestart works will start on the building w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May. The removal of asbestos will start on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Whilst we will lose use of the building for some time, the finished project will be a great improvement on the current building.

Lessons that would normally have been in C Block are being relocated into other areas of the school. Unfortunately, we will not be able to facilitate any Key Stage 3 food practicals during this time. Those that have paid for ingredients will have the following year's payment adjusted accordingly to compensate for this. Those with children going into Y10 will receive a refund. We are currently working on how we can provide Key Stage 4 food practicals at an offsite provision. We are creating a computer room elsewhere in the school, so disruption to Computer Science lessons will be minimal.

I will talk the children through the implications of the project in my assemblies w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May, but I would be grateful if you could make them aware of what is happening before that date.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in contact,

Mr S P Robertson  
Executive Headteacher