

AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. As we approach the end of what has been another very strange and challenging term I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support. I wish to thank children, staff, parents, governors and all other stakeholders for their resilience and commitment in ensuring we can make the best of a very difficult situation. The thanks and support we have received from yourselves has been amazing.

Last Day of Term

The last day for students is **Friday 17th December**. As in previous years we will be finishing after afternoon registration at 1:20pm.

January – Start of Term

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. That is why, whilst some measures are relaxed, others will remain, and if necessary, in response to the latest epidemiological data, we all need to be prepared to step measures up or down in future depending on local circumstances.

As pupils will have potentially mixed with lots of other people during the Christmas holidays, the Government are asking that all secondary school pupils should receive an on-site lateral flow device test on their return in the Spring Term. The Government has recognised that this is a huge logistical challenge and are therefore allowing schools to stagger the start of the Spring Term for children. As such, the arrangements for the return of students is as follows:

Wednesday 5th January (8:45 am) – Year 7

Wednesday 5th January (1:15 pm) – Year 11

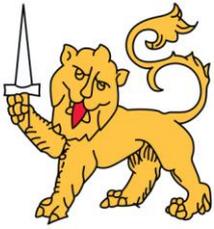
Thursday 6th January (8:45 am) – Year 10

Thursday 6th January (1:15 pm) – Year 8

Friday 7th January (8:45 am) – Year 9

We ask that on the day your child returns they arrive as close to the arrival time listed above to enable us to maintain social distancing on site. If your child is travelling to school without an adult please remind them to maintain social distancing. On arrival they are to go straight to their allotted area where they will be sat socially distanced until we have completed the testing.

	Lower Gym	Upper Gym	Dining Hall
Wednesday 5 th January (8:45 am) – Year 7	7A	7Y	7L
Wednesday 5 th January (1:15 pm) – Year 11	11A	11Y	11L
Thursday 6 th January (8:45 am) – Year 10	10A	10Y	10L



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Thursday 6 th January (1:15 pm) – Year 8	8A	8Y	8L
Friday 7 th January (8:45 am) – Year 9	9A	9Y	9L

The school minibus will run before and after school. We ask that if your child is due to arrive at school for an afternoon session (1:15 pm) that you make your own arrangements to get your child to school. If this is a problem then please get in contact with Steve Cameron, Bursar, via the School Office. If your child travels to school using transport provided by the Local Authority then please contact them directly.

If your child is due to return to school at 1:15pm then please ensure they have had something to eat before they come to school.

For the start of the Autumn Term in September 2021 we had consent forms returned for new children to the school that replicated the consent forms sent in January 2021 to existing students and we will continue to follow those wishes. If you have changed your mind with regards to this then please contact Becky Kastania to inform her. **If you have not previously returned your child's consent form and you would like them tested then please do so as a matter of urgency.** If you have any questions then please contact Becky Kastania (bkastania@aylestone.hereford.sch.uk).

Children are to continue their twice-weekly testing over the Christmas holidays and when they return to school.

Uniform

The full uniform list is available on our website. Can I ask for your help and support in ensuring students are in correct uniform at the start of term and that any ear piercings are done at the beginning of the holidays, as these will need to be removed for PE lessons. Any other form of piercing is not allowed and we will ask students to remove them.

As you can see it has been a very successful year and the federation continues to grow in strength. Each of the three schools are lovely, welcoming and friendly places to be. On behalf of Aylestone staff I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday.

Best Wishes,

Simon Robertson,
Executive Headteacher