

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 academic year I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support. At the start of the year we hoped things would have returned to normal by now, however, as we all know, that isn't how things panned out. It has been an incredible achievement for all of the community within our federation to be able to function in the way that we have. 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 have been amazing and this has further been reflected in the Parent View surveys that have just been filled in for our Ofsted monitoring inspection; the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. I'm unable to share the outcome of the monitoring inspection until we have received the final letter, which may not be until September due to it being so close to the end of term.

Last Day of Term

The last day for students is **Wednesday 21st July**. As in previous years we will be finishing after afternoon registration. To enable a smooth end to the day, we will release **Y7 & Y9 at 1:20pm** and **Y8 & Y10 at 1:25pm**.

September – Start of Term

Guidance for how we are to operate from September was released yesterday. It will bring an end to 'bubbles' and contact tracing for the school. This is a huge positive for school life as having the children remain in 'bubbles' has restricted some of the experiences they would normally receive. Once we have had time to work through the details of the new guidance I will write to let you know how we will operate in September. One thing that has been made clear is that we will have to test (lateral flow) each student on their return to school, which again brings its own logistical challenges.

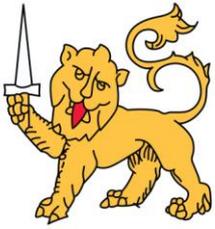
Staffing

As is always the case, we shall be saying goodbye at the end of this academic year to some staff.

Maddy Casey

Kerry Gibson

Lisa Pearn



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Zoie South

Andrew Varey

Jeff Paget

I thank all of the above staff for the contributions they have made to Aylestone and the rest of the federation and wish them well for the future. I can assure you we have recruited high quality replacements for September.

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 summer holiday.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Robertson'.

Simon Robertson,
Executive Headteacher