



September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in getting all pupils back into school safely over the past month. All of us are committed to providing the best education possible for your child, while securing the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same.

You are already aware of the steps we have put in place to ensure the safe return of all pupils to school. We know that you will be keen to understand the impact that we have had in our first weeks of the term, and what our plans are to ensure all pupils catch up with any missed learning, and what will happen if a pupil is asked to stay at home over the coming months.

That is why I am writing to you today in order to keep you fully informed. This letter will also be published openly on our website and is being sent to our governors / trustees.

School reopening	Pupils in all year groups from 7 to 13 are in for full days every day, at usual times. There are different entrances for each year group and a slightly staggered end time, with years 7-9 leaving 5 minutes before other year groups.
Coverage of the curriculum	Pupils are accessing the full curriculum; there is no reduced provision for the majority of pupils. In exceptional circumstances some pupils receive an alternative curriculum, but no reduction.
Remote learning March - July 2020	During this period work was set for all pupils in all subjects using Google classroom for Years 10-13 and in Maths, English, Science, Humanities, PSHE and option subjects in Year 7-9. In addition all pupils received regular contact from Form Teachers via Google classroom and face to face conversations on Google Meet. Virtual assemblies took place for all pupils using Google Meet. Pupils with SEND and/or vulnerable pupils received additional and more frequent contact via telephone and video calls.
Remote learning in the future	All pupils have Google classroom log-ins and resources and homework are set using this already. If a group, or individual needs to isolate at home then access to resources is already available.
Mental health and wellbeing	Full details of resources and support available are on the website: https://aldergrange.com/well-being/ and all pupils know where to access help and reminders are frequent, There are trained pupil Wellbeing Ambassadors in school and a wellbeing hub where support and information is available. Extended morning form time allows for Form teachers to monitor pupils.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. Please remember to follow both the school's and public health guidance to keep everyone learning safely.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffiths
Headteacher