



Road Safety Awareness

Be a considerate driver
Do not park on restricted areas on Talbot Avenue or Lidgett Lane
Be respectful of our local residents
Please use the turning circle paying attention to the speed limit
Obey speeding restrictions; they are there to protect our children
Look after the environment and switch off your engine, when stationary,
for cleaner air!

Our Ref: MRp/BMa

14 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to begin by paying tribute to the amazing staff at Allerton Grange. It is because of their dedication and professionalism that we have managed to keep the school fully open since September. The way in which staff and students have complied with the COVID Risk Assessment, has also meant that the impact of COVID has been marginal on the vast majority of students. Here are our COVID numbers for this term:

	Allerton Grange (September to December 2020)	National figures (England only)
Student attendance	94%	81%
Number of positive cases	32 (2% of student population)	For a school the size of AGS 195 cases have been recorded
Number of close contacts sent home to self-isolate	On average 16 students for each positive case	For a school the size of AGS 96 students are identified

Thank you to those parents who have swiftly informed us of positive cases and to those who responded so quickly when asked to collect their child to self-isolate.

Despite the challenges that COVID has created, there is still much to celebrate with you:

1. Charity appeal

Thank you for your wonderful generosity in donating food to our Christmas food hamper appeal. We managed to fill over 60 hampers and the donations were gratefully received by our local food banks. In total, we collected over one tonne of food donations – this is truly remarkable.

2. Musical Key Stage 4 & 5 showcase

Our wonderfully creative music department (Mrs Casey, Miss Gillespie and Mr Halpin) were able to co-ordinate and film individual performances, from 36 students, across Key Stages 4 and 5. Mr Halpin edited the performances and shared them on YouTube. It made me realise just how much I have missed, listening and watching our talented students, in music and drama or on the sports field.

3. Sixth Form Centre

The new sixth form provision has been open and functioning since October. Our A Level students and staff are loving the new facility. Public consultation on the phase 2 extension, which will create an additional eight classrooms, has concluded and we hope that construction will commence in early February.



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4. Year 7 Admissions (September 2021)

We have received 850 applications for the 2021 Year 7 cohort, 60% of which are first and second preferences.

Arrangements for Friday 18 December

- School will be open to all students as normal (unless they have been instructed to self-isolate).
- Lessons will run until 11.30 am for Years 11, 12 and 13; and until 11.45 am for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 when students will be dismissed.
- Students will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on this day. A donation of £1 should be made in the days leading up to Friday. All donations will be given to the homeless charity "Shelter". **This is not a non-uniform day.**
- Chartwells, our catering provider, will be serving a normal menu at break time. There will be no provision for a lunch service.

Arrangements for spring term

- School will be open for all students on Monday 4 January from 8.30 am. Students should not arrive before 8.25 am.
- The changing rooms will be open for PE lessons. Students will no longer be required to wear their PE kit to school on the day of their PE lesson. Therefore, from Monday 4 January, students in Years 7 to 11 must be wearing full school uniform at all times.
- All current COVID measures will remain in place.
- Students must have a face covering with them, unless an exemption pass has been granted.
- As part of the risk assessment, all classroom windows and doors are being kept open to aid ventilation and reduce COVID transmission. As temperatures fall, students will be permitted to wear a jumper over their school uniform and a thermal/base layer underneath. Jumpers with hoods or any type of hoodie are not permitted.
- COVID-safe assemblies will start again.
- After-school detentions, for up to one hour, will start again.
- After-school clubs for Music, Drama and PE will start again. See attached weekly programme.

Track and trace over the Christmas holiday

In the circumstances where one of our students tests positive for COVID between 19 and 23 December, please inform the school via agadmin@allertongrange.com. This will enable us to conduct a track and trace to identify and inform close contacts.

On behalf of everyone at Allerton Grange, I wish you and your family a safe and peaceful Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Roper
Headteacher