



# Welcome to Alderman White School

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# Alderman White School

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# How can we ensure your child gets the most out of their time at Alderman White?





# CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

## Be Prepared

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Responsibility

- ✓ Complete homework
- ✓ Be on time
- ✓ Wear the correct uniform
- ✓ Bring the correct equipment

## Be Respectful

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Integrity

- ✓ Follow instructions first time
- ✓ Self-regulate
- ✓ Show kindness
- ✓ Co-operate with others

## Be Committed

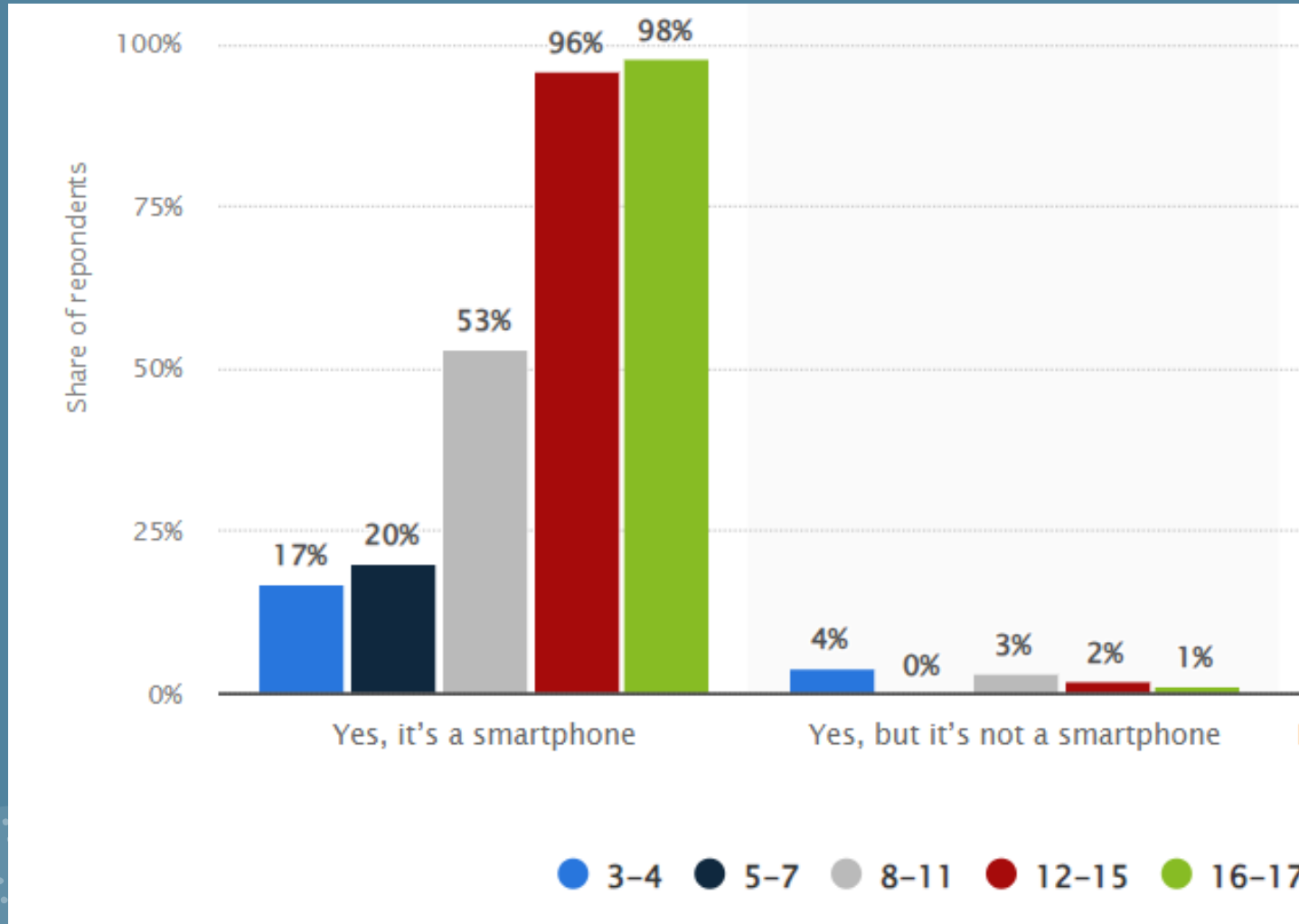
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Engagement

- ✓ Try your best
- ✓ Show resilience
- ✓ Contribute
- ✓ Listen attentively



# Does my child need a smart phone for secondary school? (UK, 2023)





# Alderman White rules on mobile phones



- Cannot be used, seen or heard at school at all during the school day *(unless with adult permission for a specific use)*
- Will be confiscated if the rule is broken - handed back after a reflection at the end of the day
- 2 incidents in a term or inappropriate use = not allowed in school at all
- Failure to hand the phone to an adult will be dealt with as defiance
- Brought at own risk
- **They are a safeguarding risk and create a potential behaviour issue**
- **We strongly advise phones are left at home**



# We teach students to use IT well



- We encourage appropriate IT use
- All students have a Chromebook on our managed system
- We can filter and block, and monitor use for any issues
- We control the apps that students can access



# Smart phone risks



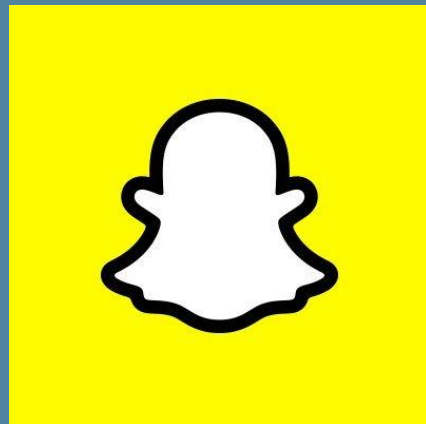
- Age inappropriate content
- Grooming
- Inappropriate use of social media - causing friendship or bullying issues at school
- Social media addiction
- Impact on concentration span
- Misinformation, disinformation and extremist views
- Unknown effects on developing brains

**Most Year 10 and 11 students at Alderman White think filters and snapchat have made life worse for teenagers.**





# Age restrictions for social media use



13+





# Do you need to be in touch with your child during the school day?

- Did you do that in primary school?
- If your child is unwell or there has been an issue, we will contact you
- Students can go to the Base or Reception and ask staff to contact home
- Students contacting parents if they are unhappy with something at school doesn't help students or parents - frustrating and upsetting for parents; stops students from developing resilience and exposes them to other smartphone risks; creates a barrier between home and school.
- **Please try to build trust with adults in school**



# Brianna Ghey's mother says daughter had 'obsession' with her phone and calls for 'drastic action'

The parent is campaigning for under-16s to be banned from social media on smartphones



## Majority of parents want ban on smartphones for children under 16

More than four in five parents believe smartphones are 'harmful' to young people, survey has found.

Eleanor Busby • Wednesday 20 March 2024 22:00 GMT



## Two mums start viral Smartphone Free Childhood campaign: 'Parents are in an impossible situation'

Mums Daisy and Clare want a smartphone-free childhood for their kids and they just started a national movement

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# If your child has a smart phone...

- ✓ Have rules and restrictions in place
- ✓ Monitor their phone use
- ✓ Talk to them about expectations and behaviour
- ✓ Access guidance and advice

Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

Parents and carers | CEOP Education  
([thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk))





- Access given to persons with parental responsibility who provide an email address.
- If you already have a child at the school, your latest child will be linked to your existing account.
- Parents who are new to AW will be sent login instructions in due course.
- We will also require you to complete the parental consent section in MCAS







# Chromebook scheme



- The expectation is that all students in school (Years 7-11) have access to a Chromebook or laptop device in school.
- We will have stock for every child in Year 7 or joining the school at a later stage.
- You can choose to either purchase a device, bring your own device or loan a device from us.
- We subsidise the cost of Chromebooks. £105 or £49 if you were entitled to free school meals in the last 6 years. (original Chromebook price £160, bag price £7).
- Chromebook comes with a carry case and charger.
- We offer flexible payment plans meaning you can pay small amounts over time.
- Chromebooks will not be distributed to Year 7 students until October 2024
- Chromebooks will be available for purchase on the MyChildAtSchool platform





# The Transition Process so far...

- National Offer Day 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023:
- 2 Newsletters
- Key Information form to complete via link: <https://forms.office.com/e/2FarZJ5crp>
- Initial contact with primary schools
- Opportunities to communicate and meetings to discuss individual circumstances
- Tonight's welcome meeting

2024 Alderman White - CONFIDENTIAL Student Personal Details Form

87 Responses

24:25 Average time to complete

Active Status



# Still to come...



- Newsletter 3 and 4 due May and June respectively
- Key preferences information form to complete with your child: via email by early June
- Visits to all children in their primary school
- Additional support visits for children with SEND
- Year 6 student guide and parent/carerer guide – via email in June
- Induction days 2024: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 8:30am to 3pm
- Induction Evening for parents/carers: **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**
- First day of term for students: **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**



Alderman White is great at understanding students' mental health. I have found school difficult in the past but I love it here and now want to be here everyday.

Izzy

This staff in this school are very helpful and kind. I feel really supported and happy when I am at school 😊

Effi

Sometimes, secondary school can get a bit much but the staff are good at helping with any problems. Having a sense of community really helps.

Benj

There is lots of support from teachers and multiple places you can go if you need help. There are also lots of opportunities to learn new skills and meet new people through extra-curricular activities after school.

Sophie

There is so much to do at Alderman White. There is something for everyone, and this makes you really feel like you belong here.

Joel



# Willow:

Willow is a 4-year-old Cockapoo emotional support dog. She is calm, friendly and good natured. Because she is a cockapoo this means her fur is hypoallergenic. Willow increases the sense of a school family environment. There have been numerous research studies which show the benefits of emotional support dogs in schools/colleges, and Willow is an integral part of our school community by supporting students experiencing mental health challenges. Willow is used to support students with counselling sessions, but students often see her around and about school too.







# Home and School Working Together: The Home School Agreement



- **The school will:**
- Carry out our legal duties to safeguard students
- Support staff and student wellbeing and promote good physical and mental health;
- Be clear about our expectations and promote high standards of behaviour and positive attitudes to school;
- Provide a broad and ambitious curriculum and range of enrichment activities;
- Provide appropriate Careers Education and Guidance;
- Use assessment and feedback appropriately to support student progress;
- Set appropriate Homework and support revision for examinations;
- Provide appropriate support for students with identified Special Education Needs and Disabilities;
- Promote equality and celebrate diversity;
- Provide regular updates for parents with regard to the school through our website, newsletters and by email;
- Respond within 2 working days to communication from parents/carers;
- Provide an annual report and Subject Consultation Evening and communicate any concerns to parents.



# Home and School Working Together: The Home School Agreement



- **Parents and Carers will:**
- Support our school ethos and INSPIRE values;
- Treat staff, students and other parents with respect, both on and offline;
- Ensure that your child attends school regularly, on time and with the correct uniform and equipment;
- Notify the school of the reason for your child's absence;
- Make the school aware of any concerns or circumstances that may affect your child at school;
- Support the school's behaviour and uniform policy;
- Provide up to date contact details, permissions and read communications from school using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) platform;
- Encourage your child to read frequently and complete homework by the deadline and to a good standard;
- Encourage your child to take part in trips and enrichment activities;
- Sign and support the Chromebook use policy agreement;
- Attend Parents' Consultation Evenings and read Progress Reports.



# Home and School Working Together: The Home School Agreement



- **Students will:**
- Support our school ethos and INSPIRE values;
- Treat everyone in our school community with respect, both on and offline;
- Respect the school environment and other people's belongings;
- Attend school regularly and punctually;
- Wear correct school uniform and bring the correct equipment to school;
- Use your Chromebook in line with school expectations, as well as other IT equipment;
- Do your best at all times;
- Present your work neatly and clearly in line with school expectations;
- Follow our Classroom Expectations and Chromebook Expectations;
- Do all homework and coursework by the required deadlines;
- Take responsibility for your own behaviour, be honest and be ready to say sorry if necessary.



# Biometric Information System



- The school uses a biometric information system called VeriCool for operating with the cashless catering service- used for both break and lunch purchases.
- A Biometric Information System is a secure way of a student accessing their individual account and reduces administration time and cost in dealing with lost or forgotten cards/passwords/PINs. It also removes the opportunity for anyone else to use the account.
- Free School Meals are anonymous as the daily allowance is simply automatically added to a student's account on the Cashless Catering Service and lunch is purchased in the usual way.
- It reduces the need for a student to carry around cash for break and lunchtime purchases as parents or carers can add money to an account via the online system.
- To use your child's biometric information, we require the written consent of at least one parent. Giving consent will allow your child's information to be used for accessing both the cashless catering service.



# Checklist for parents/carers:

- Ensure that the key information form has been completed (link on slide 6).
- Check that we have your correct contact details.
- Look out for the key preferences form via email – June.
- Read the behaviour policy so that you are clear about our expectations and protocols:

[Policies \(aldermanwhite.school\)](http://aldermanwhite.school) (other policies available here too)

- Check the uniform and equipment requirements carefully to ensure you are also aware of these expectations:

[School Uniform & Equipment \(aldermanwhite.school\)](http://aldermanwhite.school)





## Forms to complete tonight:

- Please read, sign and date a copy of the home/school agreement.
- Please read, sign and date the consent for biometric scanning for the school cafeteria service. This is required so that children can access the cafeteria services from the first day of secondary school. Finger scanning will take place during Induction in July.
- Both forms are available in the student support centre (The Base) this evening.



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