



# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to inform you about changes to the school calendar and start dates for September.

From September the school is launching a brand new and improved management information system called Bromcom which will replace our current systems (e.g. SIMS, classcharts, parent communication). As this is a mammoth task, that will require significant time spent on training all staff, we have made the decision to deliver this through INSET days in September. School will open for all pupils on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Further details will be published nearer the time. There will also be two additional training days next academic year which I would like to give you advance notice of – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. These are INSET days delivered by Aldridge Education. We will be sending further communication regarding this before September.

Please can I remind you that, as per the school calendar, school will be closed for staff training on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

I am also writing to consult with you about a very slight adjustment to our school day. We are proposing a 5-minute reduction in the break period. This will be reduced from 20 minutes to 15 minutes in line with most secondary schools. The time will be added on to our tutor time with the aim of improving our pastoral care and developing form tutor/student relationships. This additional time will give us an additional 25 minutes each week to deliver our Vale Values programme. This is our course to deliver statutory citizenship, PSHE (personal, social, health education) SRE (sex and relationships education) and FBV (fundamental British Values). Parents are invited to provide feedback on this proposal to Mrs T Salkeld: [TSalkeld@darwenvale.com](mailto:TSalkeld@darwenvale.com).

Yours sincerely,



Mr M J Little  
Principal