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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with very great pleasure that I invite you to Aldworth School's Open Evening on Thursday 23 September. We are really looking forward to showing the school and some of our great students to our future pupils.

I have been working at the school for almost two years now following the departure of the previous headteacher. In that time, we have made a lot of changes to the school; even if you have been to Aldworth in previous years I would suggest you come back to have a look how things are different. We had an Ofsted monitoring visit before the summer which both confirmed the progress we have made and exonerated our plans for the rest of the year; this was all on the back of constant disruptions with Covid. Amazingly the report contained no criticisms or suggestions for further improvements, so we head into this year confident that we are on track to make the school a really strong 'good' for when Ofsted return for a full inspection probably in 2023.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to run our Open Evening in quite the way we would usually because we're being mindful of the Covid situation. Whilst we'd love to have a long enough, with a free-for-all wander round, it has all the makings of super-spreader event, so we have designed the evening to give you a flavour of the school without compromising the safety of staff, students or visitors. With this in mind, we would kindly request that you wear face coverings during the presentations in the Main Hall.

We will be asking parents to book an arrival time, which can be booked via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/aldworth-school-open-evening-thursday-23rd-september-tickets-170759324737>

The maximum booking is for three tickets per booking. On the evening you will be placed into small groups and remain with the same group for the rest of the evening to minimise contact. The Open Evening will include a Headteacher's speech, a tour round the campus with two students where you will meet department staff and then informal Q&A sessions with various school staff if you have any burning questions. The tours are staggered and we will have less interactive elements and students involved than previously to reduce the number of potential contacts across the evening.

I am confident that you will still get a strong sense of the school and we encourage parents to follow up the Open Evening with a tour in the day which gives you an authentic view of the school day-to-day.

I very much hope you are able to join us and share in the exciting plans we have for the future of Aldworth School.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Jenkins', written in a cursive style.

**Mr P Jenkins**  
**Executive Headteacher**