



1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Update: Monday 01.06.20

I hope that you and your families are well and managed to enjoy half term and the sunshine.

I would like to provide you with some updates:

Years 7, 8 & 9

It now seems very unlikely that students in years 7, 8 and 9 will return to school this academic year. We will continue to provide remote learning for your children to complete.

We were acutely aware when schools closed that adjusting to remote learning, working from home and balancing the demands of this with home schooling, as well as coping with the challenges caused by the pandemic, were more than enough for you to deal with. It was due to these factors that we made a conscious decision not to contact parents about students' work at the start of this pandemic. Looking ahead, due to remote schooling continuing for the foreseeable future, we will now be making contact if we are concerned about a student not completing work, in order to provide ways in which we can support you and your child with their remote learning.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns about remote learning, please contact Mr Salmon dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net

Years 10 & Y12

The government issued more guidance over half term on how secondary schools should provide some face to face support to supplement full time remote learning for students in years 10 and 12.

We have been told that we are only able to have 25% of each year group in school on any one day and that this support cannot start until 15th June at the earliest. To prepare for this, and to reduce the risk of transmission, we have put numerous measures in place which I have listed in the following section.

It is likely that each student in Y10 and Y12 will be invited into school one day a week. I will write to you again as soon as possible with specific details for your son/daughter. In the meantime, it would help us enormously with planning if you could complete the survey for Y10 & 12 students that will be sent out separately to this letter.

Changes to the School

In order to reduce the risk of infection we have completed a detailed risk assessment that will be available on our website before we open more widely.

We are implementing the following:

- There will be staggered start and finish times for different groups
- There will be clearly marked waiting areas two metres apart on the floor outside for students to wait before entering the buildings

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- There will be a one-way system in the main corridors which will be clearly labelled
- Staff and students will be expected to use hand sanitiser on entering the school buildings at the hand sanitising stations
- Classrooms have been redesigned so that all work stations are at least two metres apart
- There will be hand sanitiser and anti-bacterial wipes available in every classroom that is used. Students and staff should use this every time they return to the classroom
- There will be tissues and specific tissue bins with a pedal and lid available in every classroom that is used for every student to help promote the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- All rooms will be well ventilated, with all windows open
- Surfaces will be wiped between sessions with antibacterial spray and wipes, there will be a cleaner allocated to each area during the day
- There will be specific areas allocated for break and lunchtimes. These will be staggered and supervised
- All door handles, taps and the locks on toilet doors will be wiped down after each break
- Surfaces will be washed thoroughly each day and wiped with antibacterial spray at regular intervals during the day
- All regular contact points such as door handles are prioritised for cleaning each day by cleaning staff
- Staff and student will always need to maintain 2 metre social distancing
- We will accept no unplanned visitors to the school and planned visitors will be for essential purposes only

More specific guidance will be issued to those students in Y10 and Y12.

Calendar

Due to the current situation we have amended our term dates for 2020-21. We have removed an Inset day from Term 2 2020. The term dates are listed on the 'parents' tab of our website www.archwayschool.net

Yours faithfully



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