



19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Virus Update (Thursday 19.03.20)

Please note that all Government guidance on self-isolation and households where symptoms are present overrides all other arrangements and information.

Here are our updates for today:

- We have gone through with all students the procedures for receiving work during this period of closure. This has been emailed to you earlier and is available on the Parents' page of our website www.archwayschool.net/parents. Staff will start uploading work from Monday.
- We await details from the Government on the categories for 'keyworkers' but if you believe that all adults in your household come into this category and that you intend to send your child in to school, please would you email us at admin@archwayschool.net to let us know by lunchtime tomorrow, so that we can plan. From a safeguarding point of view we cannot admit students whose parents we have not heard from. If the position on this becomes clearer we will let you know.
- The Sealyham trip at Easter has been cancelled – we are currently negotiating with the company, and the insurance company, how much of what has already been paid can be refunded.
- We have had an assembly with Year 11 today and will be doing the same with Year 13 tomorrow. We have made the point that work will still be available for them so that they can choose to study in subject areas which they may need for courses or places that they have for next year. We have tried to reassure them and answer their questions, but as you will appreciate we do not have all the answers ourselves yet. The cancellation of summer exams also applies to Year 12 and Year 10 Statistics.
- Years 11 and 13 students can contact us for careers advice at admin@archwayschool.net. Mr Redman, Head of Sixth Form, will be sending a letter to all who have applied to the Sixth Form to let them know how we are dealing with that situation.
- We will be staffing our main telephone line throughout term time between 9am and 12midday, Monday to Friday.
- I would like to draw your attention to the Parental Support Early Help links for any family in need to access during this period of school closure. This is available to view on the Parents' page of our website www.archwayschool.net/parents.

We will update you again tomorrow and thereafter as more details are clarified.

Thank you for your support.

Colin Belford
Headteacher