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Dear Parents/Carers

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is any school's number one priority and we have received the following communication from Gloucestershire Police via the Safeguarding in Education Manager.

“Gloucestershire Police are aware of a video circulating on TikTok and other platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat which shows a male taking his own life. For parents' awareness, the still of this video is an image of a male with a beard, sat at a desk. Whilst social media platforms have removed the original video, it has been widely re-shared and some users are embedding the video within others to trick other users into watching it.

We would like to remind parents that most social media apps, including Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, are not suitable for people under the age of 13 due to the nature of some of the content shared on these platforms, including this video. We would also urge individuals to report any harmful content they come across on social media to the provider.”

Archway School supports this advice. We advise against discussing this particular issue with your child, but being aware that offensive and inappropriate material is out there on the internet, reminds us all to remain vigilant.

School Shoes

Today a small number of students arrived wearing trainers. Please support our uniform policy and make every effort to ensure that your child has correctly fitting school shoes. Should you wish to have advice or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@archwayschool.net

Open Evening

We are still working with other local schools on whether or not such an event can take place. More information about this will be forthcoming if you have friends with children in Year 6.

Teaching and Learning

As Headteacher I still teach some classes (Year 11 ICT and Year 10/12 Maths/Further Maths) but having a lighter timetable I am able to visit lessons during the day. I have to say that I am extremely impressed with the attitude that the students have shown when dealing with longer lessons and returning to the school environment. Please pass on my thanks!

Yours faithfully

Kieron P Smith
Headteacher