



17 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The weather is being kind to us all this week which thankfully makes dealing with the current situation a little easier as students can enjoy being outside.

COVID Update

To date a relatively small number of students have been sent home with COVID symptoms and we have had no positive test results back from the student population. No members of staff are currently self-isolating.

As this is not an exact science, please bear with us as we are erring on the side of caution when making decisions. A difficult balance is being made between minimising the disruption to learning and exercising the correct degree of caution. A reminder that if you are a parent who has been asked to organise a test, the school does have a small number of test kits which can be given to students if getting a test is proving problematic.

If you are unfortunate to have a positive test within the household, please email admin@archwayschool.net with the details. This email is checked very regularly.

If you do have a child who is self-isolating, then work will either be sent through direct from our support team or it can be found on our SatchelOne Website (formerly known as Show My Homework). There is a link to Show My Homework on the top of the school website. Work that teachers have uploaded to SatchelOne for students who are off school has a prefix of "COVID" on the name of the work so it can be easily identified.

The school has been asked by the Local Authority to advise you not to contact NHS 111 for queries about testing and general COVID-19 queries as the service is currently being overwhelmed. Advice can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. For test requests, the number to use is 119.

Masks

The school continues to follow government guidelines on the use of masks in school. Students are reminded that if they feel more comfortable wearing one, this is perfectly acceptable.

Praise Points

I am pleased to report that over 400 praise points have been awarded. Year 7 are ahead, but Year 10 are close behind. Boys are currently ahead with 54% of the PP's across the school. Year 9 boys deserve a special mention for their efforts with almost 2/3 of PP's in their year group.

Hoodies/Skirts

A reminder that hoodies and clothing with logos on is not appropriate clothing to bring in to school. Students may wear the older style skirts until the October half term break, but upon return they must make sure that they are wearing the new design.

Yours faithfully

Kieron Smith
Headteacher