



Archway

26 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Punctuality

Increasing numbers of Year 7-9 students are arriving well after the 08:30 arrival time. Today, 50 students arrived between 08:30 and 08:40. *It is imperative that students arrive at the designated time to avoid year groups mixing.* Please ensure that your Year 7, 8 or 9 child is at school promptly and if they walk, do have a conversation with them at home about the need to arrive just before 08:30.

Keeping Warm

Today is the first day that the temperature has dropped below freezing point. Regulations mean that we must keep windows open to allow a flow of air inside the buildings. Class teachers will decide whether it is appropriate for coats to be allowed in their classrooms. We maintain our uniform policy and if students are still cold, the best way to stay warm is for them to wear thin layer(s) underneath their shirts and to wear their school jumper.

Behaviour

A reminder that our disruption free learning policy is still in place. Fewer students than in previous terms are being sent to our inclusion room and we maintain our 'zero tolerance' approach to disruptive behaviour at Archway School. We trust that you will continue to support us in this. Mrs Durrant and I have recently reminded Year 7/8 students to keep their distance from each other during break time and to not get involved in pushing/shoving/horseplay.

COVID-19

There is currently only one live case in the school community and as a result, Year 13 are working at home this week. Some Year 12s are also at home due to being picked up as close contacts. Please be aware that in the event of a future case appearing at school it may be necessary to temporarily send home an entire year group for the remainder of the day until all close contacts can be established.

Thank You

The School recently received an email of thanks from the Stroud Food Bank:

Dear Archway School,

We wanted to say a big THANK YOU for choosing to support the work of the Stroud District Foodbank through your donation of £589 raised from non-school uniform day. We are very touched that you've chosen to support the Foodbank.



2020 has proved to be a challenging year for us all - and especially for those who have struggled to put food on the table. We've been glad to be able to support and help so many households across the Stroud District during this time.

We are very excited about our Christmas campaign this year - hoping to reach over 600 households with a packed hamper, bag of store cupboard food, a Long Table festive meal and also crafts, a book and gifts for children. Your donation will really help us meet this goal.

Year 7 Parents

If you would like to take part in a research project for a former student of ours (Matt Pearce) then please read below:

I am a PhD student at Cardiff University who lives in Gloucestershire (and a Public Health Consultant by profession) undertaking research on childhood obesity in Gloucestershire. The aim of my research is to investigate the various home and family factors, motivations of parents/carers and its relationship with the health of children.

I would be most grateful if you could circulate the link below to parents of Year 7 children. The reason for asking these parents to complete the questionnaire is that their child was likely measured as part the 19/20 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) during the last 12-months.

The link to the questionnaire that needs to be circulated to Year 7 parents can be found here - <https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthy-living-survey>

My research has received NHS Ethics Approval and research assurance from Cardiff University, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (School Nursing Service) and Gloucestershire County Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions (contact via admin@archwayschool.net)

Yours faithfully



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