



Archway

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID-19

No doubt you will have seen on the news the announcement from government that all schools shall be having a phased return to school after the Christmas holidays. Today we have been busy making arrangements for this. Please note that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will now be an INSET day. The only students in school that day will be Year 11 students who are undertaking their mock examinations. These Year 11 students will be attending school all day on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 only for their examinations and then shall return home. They are expected to be in school by 08:45 prompt.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the school will open for Year 13 students to attend lessons and for Year 11 to continue their mock examinations and lessons. The school will also be open on this day for vulnerable students and children of critical workers. Please consult this link to see whether or not your family fit into this category.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. If you do fall into the critical worker category then please email [admin@archwayschool.net](mailto:admin@archwayschool.net) giving the following information: Your name, the name of your child/ren, whether or not you are a single parent, whether or not there are two critical workers in the same household, your job role in brief, date(s) from 05/01/21 to 08/01/21 inclusive when you shall need your child to be attending school.

All other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be having their lessons online from home and they should visit our SatchelOne website for instructions.

During the first week back we intend to start the testing process of staff and those students who are in school. We shall need to have your consent to allow your son/daughter to be tested, but we are awaiting further guidance on how this will be administered.

### Free School Meals

If your son/daughter is entitled to free school meals and you would like support for the first week back then please email [freeschoolmeals@archwayschool.net](mailto:freeschoolmeals@archwayschool.net)

### Access to remote learning

We are confident that almost the entire school populations now has access to remote learning, but if you do not then please email [dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net](mailto:dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net) or call 07581431436.

### Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

From 11<sup>th</sup> January, all students shall be expected back in school. We are still awaiting further guidance and training on how to undertake the testing of students as the information is arriving very late from central government and the information is also incomplete. As soon as we know more, we shall update you.

Please note that the above arrangements are subject to change as we are working from current guidelines and I am sure that you are aware that in the current climate, things can change on a daily basis. This is very frustrating for us all right at the end of a busy term, but we are doing our best.

Once again, thank you for your support, messages of thanks and I wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully

Kieron Smith  
Headteacher