

Archway

31 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have no doubt that you are all fully aware of the Tier 4 situation under which we are all now living and the changes to the plans for schools reopening this term. Before I start, I would like to show my appreciation of the efforts of the staff at Archway School. Since last March the entire staff have been dealing with an ever-changing picture. Their dedication to the cause of maintaining high standards of education at Archway is clear and they continue to have a resolve to make the best of every new expectation we have of them.

Arrangements for the Start of Term

Please note that Monday 4th January 2021 is an INSET day. This means that no students will be in school that day including vulnerable students (V) and children of key workers (KW).

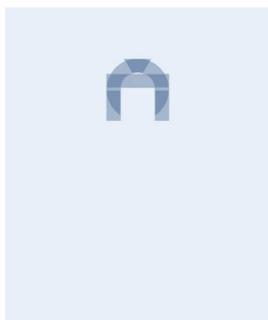
From Tuesday 5th January 2021, all students will be accessing remote learning from home with the exception of V and KW students who will be coming into school. If you are a key worker parent and you have yet to email the school, then please email admin@archwayschool.net ASAP with the information requested in my previous letter. It is important that we are aware in advance of the numbers of students who need to be supervised. During this first week back, V and KW students who are coming into school will not need to wear their school uniform, but they will need to wear their masks.

From 11th January 2021, Year 11 and 13 students will once again be attending school and the programme of testing will begin. Further advice on the testing process will be sent out to you next week. During that week, V and KW students from all year groups will continue to come into school. Other students in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will continue working remotely.

From 18th January 2021, all students will be back in school and the testing programme will continue.

Accessing work from Home

Students accessing work from home will be following their current 3 lesson per day timetable. Help and advice for accessing online resources can be found here: <https://www.archwayschool.net/page/?title=Students&pid=72>



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Students are expected where possible to follow their timetable. This way they will be able to get more rapid help from their teachers. Lessons will follow different formats, but the first place to go is SatchelOne and from there students may be directed to other websites or resources or be told that there will be a live Teams session to attend. Some live sessions may be recorded and accessed later, but this should not be relied upon.

The School shall be keeping track of 'attendance' in online lessons and will be in touch to support those families who may be having difficulty accessing the resources. If you are not able to access remote learning or have issues accessing the internet please contact Dominic Salmon dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net.

External Examinations

Please note that from 8th January 2021 there are some external examinations. These shall carry on as normal and students are expected in school to take them.

Mock Examinations

The mock examinations are now delayed for 4 weeks and shall take place w/b 1st Feb 2021. Year 11 students will therefore now be taking part in remote, online learning from the start of term.

Catering

From 5th January 2021, food will be available for those students and staff who are in school. Initially, there may be a limited choice as we will be running a skeleton staff.

Keeping Safe

As we are now dealing with a new strain of the COVID-19 virus which is more transmissible, it is vital that we redouble our efforts with hands, face, space. *All students who are coming into school must now bring 2 masks with them and keep one in their bag as a spare.* The School shall not tolerate any excuses for students not wearing masks in the buildings, other than the very small number who have a medical exemption.

We all trust that this staggered return to school shall enable us to put in place systems that will quickly identify and isolate members of the school community who are carrying the virus and ensure that learning can continue safely. We must look forward to a time in a few weeks when the days become brighter and the immunisation programme is starting to have an effect.

Yours faithfully



Kieron Smith
Headteacher