



Archway

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you as we face yet another change to the plans for school operations and the daunting prospect of 6 weeks of school closure. We shall do all we can to keep the education experience as meaningful and fulfilling as possible for your child. Today our students were engaged in online lessons, the vast majority of which had a live element. Early indications are that we have had very good attendance which is an encouraging start. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require advice. Help and advice for accessing online resources can also be found here:

<https://www.archwayschool.net/page/?title=Students&pid=72>

#### **Key Workers/Vulnerable/EHCP Students**

We currently have approximately 60 students attending school, all of whom are either vulnerable or have a parent classified as a critical worker. We are reaching the capacity of what we can safely accommodate bearing in mind that most of our teachers are fully engaged in the online environment. If you have still to contact the school to request a place for your child, then please email [admin@archwayschool.net](mailto:admin@archwayschool.net) as soon as possible.

#### **Food Provision at School**

This week we are able to supply a limited quantity of food for the children. If you are sending your child to school and wish to purchase food from school from next week, then please email [admin@archwayschool.net](mailto:admin@archwayschool.net) so we can make arrangements.

#### **Free School Meals**

The school is currently waiting for news of whether or not vouchers can be provided for those families with children who qualify for free school meals. If this is not possible then we will prepare food boxes for those families that request them.

#### **External Examinations**

We are seeking clarity on the situation regarding summer examinations. The current statement from the government reads *"it won't be possible for all exams to go ahead as normal this summer"*. As it stands this does not mean a complete cancellation. As soon as we receive official clarity, this shall be communicated to you. We have BTEC external examinations this week and next, which are scheduled to go ahead as normal.

#### **Mock Examinations**

When I last wrote to you, our intention was to move the mock examinations for Year 11 back to the start of February 2021. This will now have to be delayed further and we have yet to confirm the start date. In the meantime, I encourage the Year 11 students to continue to study hard and to make use for the extra preparation time that they have been given.

Yours faithfully

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