



Archway

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Dear Parent/Carer

Online Learning Update

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their online learning. In the past 10 days, 99% of students have accessed online learning and in the past 3 days, 94%. This is a tremendous level of engagement. However, some students are picking and choosing where to engage. Our pastoral leaders are making phone calls to follow up on non-attendance, but we are asking teachers to focus their efforts on the students who are there rather than spending valuable time chasing and reminding students to be there on time. It is our expectation that there is a live element to every lesson, but this does not mean that everyone is expected to be 'live' for the whole 2 hour session. It is most likely that the interactive element to a lesson would be at the start and/or end where the key learning points are being discussed.

Please also note that our teachers are working very hard beyond the normal lesson slots, looking at work, feeding back to the students and planning for future lessons. Every single lesson that takes place is different to the equivalent face to face one that they may have previously planned and delivered. Teams sessions can appear at any time right up to the allocated lesson slot and students need to refresh their SatchelOne and Teams calendars to see what has appeared right up to the time of the lesson.

We encourage you all to log in to SatchelOne to see how your child is doing with their online learning. If you need assistance with this then please email dominicsalmon@archwayschool.net

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (1st – 7th February)

Next week Archway School is marking the week with a special "Drop everything and do something you enjoy" next Thursday 4th February at 2:05pm. This means that staff and children will not be expected to be on their screens for this hour. Instead, we encourage you all to spend an hour walking, playing an instrument, reading a book or doing a hobby; anything that takes you away from the screen. We shall also be asking students and staff to take a picture of what they are doing and send it in so that we can make a display in school. Pictures can be sent to competition@archwayschool.net

Click and Collect Library Books

It is possible to click and collect a library book from school. To find out more, please contact the library emilylocke@archwayschool.net

Generous Donations

The school is eternally grateful for the kind hearted gestures shown by members of our community in recent weeks. Yesterday, two brand new Chromebooks were donated to us and will be put to good use. Our 'Tweet' about this received a high number of likes. Thank you to everyone who has donated equipment to our students.

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Keeping in Touch

It is vitally important in this time of isolation that we all still feel part of the school community. You can call the school to talk with our pastoral team if you have worries or concerns about your son/daughter. Mrs Coley, Mrs Tierney, Mrs Stuart-Brown and Mrs Durrant are here to help. Also, we are organising a group challenge for the students to take part in, to help keep them in touch and feel part of the school community; more on this soon.

Parent Governor Election

Please look out for an important letter outlining two candidates for our vacant Parent Governor position. We hope you take the time to vote. Thank you to the two candidates for offering their time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KS', written in a cursive style.

Kieron Smith
Headteacher