



Archway

25 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure, like me, you watched with interest on Monday evening when the roadmap out of lockdown was announced, with Phase 1 to include the return of students to school from 8th March 2021.

Since the announcement, the leadership team at Archway School have been digesting the details of this planned return and we are in the process of reviewing and updating our risk assessments. Please note that there will be a requirement for students to wear masks in classrooms, as well as communal indoor areas, until we inform you that this is no longer necessary. Please ensure that your child carries a spare mask in their bag, in case they misplace a mask. There will be a review to this rule at Easter time.

Due to the size of the school and the practical implications of testing students before they return to lessons, we have decided to follow the advice and phase the return of students to school. We have recently written to you to seek permission for your child to be tested for the COVID-19 virus using the lateral flow test which gives results within 30 minutes. Please return the completed consent form as soon as possible to testing@archwayschool.net. Testing remains voluntary, but highly recommended.

On the day that the students are brought in, they will be asked to wait in the sports hall until their results come through, after which they will be allowed to go to their scheduled lesson assuming the result is negative. Each student will be tested three times during the first two weeks back at school. Once students are in school they will stay until their usual finish time of 3:00pm for Years 7, 8 and 9 and 3:05pm for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The plan for the staggered return is on page 2 of this letter. Please note that your child must arrive in school at the allotted time in order for this system to run smoothly.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Students

This group of students, who have been attending school throughout lockdown, may continue to come to school as normal (08:45 for Years 7, 8 and 9 and 09:00 for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13) during the phased return of their classmates. We shall also be testing these students towards the end of next week for which we will require a new consent form to be returned to school.

Uniform

From 8th March we expect students, including those children of key workers, to be wearing full uniform when in school.

Student Welfare

We are conscious that some students may be concerned or anxious about returning to school and before 8th March, we shall be sending a questionnaire to all students and parents, which will help us plan for a smooth return. We plan to build in additional time for students to spend with their tutors and until 15th March all students in Years 7 to 10 will not be expected to complete additional homework. At this stage we prefer their energies are spent integrating back into school. Homework for the older students will only be set where necessary.

Yours faithfully

Kieron Smith
Headteacher

Tutor Group	Monday 8th March	Tuesday 9th March	Wednesday 10th March	Thursday 11th March				
7B	Online Learning at home	In at 08:30	In at 08:30	In at 08:30				
7C		In at 09:00						
7E		In at 09:30						
7R		In at 10:00						
7S		In at 10:30						
8B		Online Learning at home	Online Learning at home		In at 08:30			
8C					In at 09:00			
8E					In at 09:30			
8R					In at 10:00			
8S					In at 10:30			
8W					In at 11:00			
9B					In at 12:00			
9C					In at 12:30			
9E					In at 13:00			
9R					In at 13:30			
9S					In at 14:00			
9W					In at 14:30			
10B					Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 12:00	Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 12:30	In at 08:45	
10C								Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 13:00
10E								
10R	Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 14:00							
10S		Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 14:30						
10W								
11B			In at 08:45	In at 08:45				
11C					In at 08:45			
11E						In at 08:45		
11R							In at 08:45	
11S	In at 08:45							
11W								
12GCO		Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 12:00						Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 12:30
12TSP			Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 13:00					
12ALE				Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 13:30				
12CTO					Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 14:00			
13KDA						Online learning at home 9am-11:30am then in at 14:30		
13EFO								
13SMO								