



20th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Whole School Closure

In light of the current national situation regarding the pandemic Archway Learning Trust has made the difficult decision for the welfare of our whole Trust community to close for Christmas early on Tuesday 21st December. We hope that you will support us as we continue to try and navigate this challenging situation in order to keep staff, students and families safe at this time.

This means that schools are not open for students on the 22nd December 2021. As we were only planning to be in school for the morning we have taken the decision that there will be no online teaching taking place on Wednesday 22nd. On Wednesday, should parents wish to make use of them, students can access the normal educational platforms in school such as Bedrock, EduCake, Hegarty Maths and Seneca; students can also work from Knowledge Organisers, or KS4 Revision Guides. Activities and lessons planned on the Tuesday will still take place as usual. Students should still attend tomorrow in full school uniform and all classes will be dismissed from 3pm.

We would like to remind you during the holiday season to:

1. Continue to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Test – these will be handed out during tutor time tomorrow to cover the Christmas holidays.
2. Wear face masks in public spaces and public transport.
3. Maintain social distancing where required to.
4. If you are concerned with the welfare of you or anyone in your household to consult NHS or call 111.

We are planning to run our 'return to school' lateral flow tests on site on Friday 7th January 2022. Appointment times and more details will be provided prior to the date but roughly the expected time slots are:

Time Slot	Year Group
9-10am	7
10-11am	8
11-12pm	9
12:45-13:45	10
13:45-14:45	11
14:45-15:45	12 & 13

We will continue to keep you up to date with developments that are announced from Public Health England and the DFE and we will communicate any future changes as early as we possibly can. **The start of term remains as Monday 10th January 2022.** May we take this opportunity to wish you a restful, safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S. Stapleton
Principal