

5th January, 2021

Update Following Government Announcement

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you and your families are staying safe and well in these most challenging times.

Following the Government announcement late on Monday evening, we are unfortunately left with no alternative other than to close the school buildings to the majority of students.

Live lessons for students

We will of course be providing online learning of live lessons for students, following their normal timetables through Teams, starting at 8.30am for Year 9 and 6th Form and 9.20am for Year's 10 and 11. This will be with effect from Wednesday 6th January, 2021.

Attached is a link to the guidance for how to access Teams remote lessons;

<https://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/learning-from-home-guides/>

Please ensure your child follows our 'Online Learning Code of Conduct' at all times.

EduLink

All communication with Parents/Carers and students will be via EduLink. You will already have been sent an email with your login details by the school, but if you are experiencing any difficulty with this, please contact office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk

Vulnerable students/students of Key Workers

We will however continue to be open and offer provision for vulnerable students and those children of Key Workers. Parents/Carers of vulnerable children or who are Key Workers and intend to send their children to school, please register on this link;

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UTeH7weljkS2mO4DGypXkmgjjYF7NtRHm5oObWkpK-BURU1GRDY4RFIBWTdTNUI5V0g4UkNLWDkzTS4u>

To secure your place, please complete this form. Your child must attend in full uniform on Wednesday 6th January, 2021 and adhere to their normal school timetable including start and finish times.

BTEC Exams

These will continue as planned. Students must attend school in full uniform, 10 minutes before their allotted time and proceed directly to their relevant venue within school.

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Free School Meals

The Government are yet to announce how these will be provided during the new lockdown. We do anticipate a continuation of the Edenred online voucher scheme and will update you on this as soon as possible.

Wellbeing resources for children and parents are being uploaded onto our website on a regular basis – please take a look at <https://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/>

Finally thank you for all your ongoing support as we face the next 6 weeks together as a community. We appreciate this is a frustrating time for everyone involved, but please be assured we will continue to communicate any updates as soon as we have the information.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Mellor', written in a cursive style.

Ian Mellor
Principal