

11th February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope you and your family are well and that you are all looking forward to the forthcoming break. Thank you for your support during the last half term. Your kind messages and constructive suggestions received through our Parental Survey were incredibly useful.

At the moment we are no clearer on the Government's intentions regarding the return to school. I believe the specifics of this will be released in the week beginning the 22nd February, 2021. I will of course write to you again as soon as we have clarity on when we can bring students back into the Academy.

Students are not expected to complete new work over half term but could use this time to catch up on tasks if they have been unable to complete them during term time.

COVID 19

Thank you for continuing to adhere to the Government's guidelines with regards to the current lock down rules. If your child does develop symptoms you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Free School Meals

Families eligible for Free School Meals will receive vouchers to cover the half term break. These should either be in the post or via email from EdenRed - the National Voucher Scheme. If you have any queries with regards to this, please contact the school on office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk.

We have recently updated our website to make our well being and mental health support section for students and parents more prominent. This link can be followed to access resources; <https://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/safeguarding/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

I hope that you and your families are able to stay safe over half term and I look forward to welcoming all students back to school in the very near future.

Yours sincerely



Ian Mellor
Principal