



'An Academy to be Proud of'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of another school year. I think it's fair to say that this has been one of the most challenging years we have faced as a community and as a school. Despite the immense challenges of a global pandemic we have kept Armfield Academy open, our younger children and students have returned to their learning in regular lessons and we have ensured everyone is safe as possible. I am exceptionally proud of the maturity shown by the learners and the professionalism of our tremendous staff.

As is tradition, and in recognition for the hard work our pupils have put in over the past four months, I am pleased to announce the school will be closing at 12.00pm on Tuesday 21st December. This will allow pupils and their families a little extra time together to prepare for Christmas and enjoy a different routine on Tuesday afternoon.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day for pupils. Pupils wearing their own clothes are expected to make a £1 donation which will be donated to the local charities.

Please see below the specific details around the end of term and start of the new term in January 2022:

End of term arrangements:

School closes on Tuesday 21/12/21 at 12pm as per our school calendar.

Please note: The Primary school, paid after school club, will run until 2:30PM. I must take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and carers for your support and understanding throughout this term. Together, we have managed to keep the school open every day and continue to deliver the curriculum that we have planned. This is no mean feat when restrictions and absences are all factored in so please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Start of term arrangements; Secondary:

As stated in Mrs Sherwood's letter to you earlier this week, COVID testing for secondary students will be taking place on **Wednesday 5/1/22** and **Thursday 6/1/22** as per the Government's request to allow for a safe start to the new term. School will open as normal for secondary students on Friday **7/1/22 at 8:45AM**.

Start of term arrangements; Nursery & Primary:

School will open for all nursery and primary on the **5/01/22 at 8:45AM**; the primary school paid breakfast club will open as usual at **8:00AM**.





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Punctuality to school:

As the new term begins, we will be introducing a 'late gate' into our morning routine. Secondary students have been reminded throughout this week that they should be on site at 8:45am for our morning muster. Students arriving after this time will be late to school and will be issued with a detention at break or lunchtime on the same day.

The Primary school gates will open at 8:35AM and close 8:50AM with the school day starting promptly at 8:45AM. Any children arriving at 8:50 will need to be signed in at the primary school office.

New Lunchtime Arrangements (Secondary)

In order to make our lunchtime more efficient, we are trialling some new arrangements from January 2022 **for secondary students only**. Parents/Carers will appreciate as the school has grown the need to get all students adequately through the school canteen and serveries is far more difficult due to threefold increase in numbers; this measure should ensure that all students have better access to the lunchtime facilities and less time queuing up to be served.

There will be no difference to our start time in the morning and school will continue to finish at 3:10PM with Year 10 finishing at 4:10PM on Tuesdays. Students should arrive no later than 8:45AM for our morning muster.

Lunch will finish at the same time that it has done this term but will now be split into 2 separate sittings. Years 7 & 10 will have their lunch first whilst Years 8 & 9 attend tutor period and then after 30 minutes; Years 7 & 10 will have tutor period whilst Years 8 & 9 have lunch.

We will review these arrangements throughout the next 2 terms and make sure we inform you of any changes.

The Primary lunchtime will remain the same, with lunch running from 12:00PM till 13:00PM.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy family time at Christmas and look forward to all our younger children returning in the new year.

Your faithfully

Mark Kilmurray
Headteacher

