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Dear Parents

I would like to start this newsletter with a huge thankyou to all parents for the support you have given us this term. There has been a lot of changes but we have worked together as a school and local community to make sure the school is safe for our young people. In particular I want to thank you for following the government guidance with regard to isolation and in particular keeping your child at home when they, or a member of the household, have shown symptoms. Thanks to your vigilance there have only been a few occasions when further action has had to be taken as students have not been in school during their infectious period. This is particularly important over the last two weeks of term as if a student is required to isolate, the isolation period will extend into the Christmas holiday.

I just want to reiterate that if a youngster is not in school due to isolating, their attendance record is not affected.

National restrictions and student support

The changes in school have been significant but I need to say how proud I am of all the students and the way that they have followed the rules in school. Students do not breach their zones and all wear a face mask in the corridors/communal areas; we have to hand out very few masks on the gate in the mornings. Students are also very good at maintaining hand washing routines and using the sanitisers that are in all the classrooms and along corridors.

That said, these are far from normal times and I would encourage any student who is struggling to speak to their Head of Year or one of their teachers, so that appropriate support can be put in place. To ensure students comply with the latest restrictions, can you please ensure they make their way straight home after school each day and avoid congregating in large groups.

One important request is that students have their own equipment in school, sharing of equipment has been identified as a way that coronavirus can be spread in schools. Please ensure that your youngster has everything they need each day:

Pens (blue/black and red)	30 Centimetre ruler
Fine whiteboard pen	Scientific calculator
Highlighter pen	Maths set
Pencil and pencil sharpener	Colouring pencils/felt tip pens
Glue stick	Eraser
Reading book	

Positive impact of changes

Some of the changes to routines and systems that we have had to make in school have had a really positive effect in school. In particular, the school's behaviour data has improved significantly. Every Christmas we have a 'golden ticket' assembly where students who do not have any behaviour points or have 100% attendance receive chocolate and a certificate as a reward. In 2019, 234 students had 100% attendance and 256 did not have any negative entries for conduct. This year, although we can't have the usual assembly, there are 361 students with 100% attendance and 383 without any negative entries on the conduct log. They will receive the chocolate and a certificate, which is fantastic. There has also been a significant increase in the number of rewards point we have issued this term, over 56,000 additional rewards point have been given out from the same period last year.

I have been incredibly impressed by the attendance of students overall this term, the national average for state schools since September is currently 83.5%, our attendance has remained at approximately 94/95% since the start of term.

Multi Academy Trust change:

On the 1st February 2021, the Northworthy Trust will transfer to the Archway Learning Trust. Please find below a message to you as parents from Sian Hampton, CEO of the Archway Learning Trust.

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to introduce ourselves to you. After Christmas Lees Brook will be merging with Archway Learning Trust. Archway Learning Trust is a successful and vibrant family of five schools based in Nottingham City ranging from primary to secondary aged children. By joining this Trust you will be joining a successful and happy family of learners, where every child is valued and where parents are seen as integral to the progress and success of students. The vision statement of Archway is 'working together, transforming lives.' We believe passionately in the potential of every young person in our care and will work collaboratively across the Trust to ensure that care is the best that it can be. To find out more about our schools and the Trust log onto our website: <https://www.archwaytrust.co.uk/>

We are also pleased to be joined by so many talented and skilled teachers and associate staff from the Northworthy Trust. We are looking forward to building and growing this staff team so that both students and staff get the best opportunities for development and progress.

We will write again after Christmas with more details of some of the new and exciting things that will be happening as this family of learners grows.

Sian Hampton

CEO Archway Learning Trust

INSET Day

A reminder that Monday 4th January is an INSET day, so students in all year groups will not be in school.

It just remains for me to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully



Zoe House
Headteacher