



10th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Welcome Back after Half Term

We have had a great start to the final half term. It has been lovely to welcome back our students and ensure they continue to re-engage in the curriculum as more restrictions are eased. We continue to prioritise their health and safety regarding the pandemic, as you would expect.

I wanted to inform you, if you have missed information on our social media channels, that we have become a fully accredited Academy for the second year running in all aspects of the National Online Safety programme. The work we do with this organisation really helps to keep our students safe online and has been invaluable for students, staff, Governors, and parents/carers during the pandemic. If you do not yet have an account, please get your free access here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/arnold-hill-academy>

They provide useful webinars, videos, resources, courses and advice and there is also an app that gives weekly updates and notifications, please feel free to engage with the materials. They are publishing a press release locally in the next week. Here is an extract from their Chief Executive:

James Southworth, co-founder of National Online Safety, said: "Congratulations to everyone at Arnold Hill Academy on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. By completing our training programme, the academy has shown its strong commitment to implementing an effective whole-school approach to online safety"

We are looking forward to being able to offer more diverse opportunities as the term progresses including the further roll out of the CCF programme and a wider range of enrichment activities. We are also planning our final organisational structure for September and will advise you in due course.

Whilst the weather remains sunny and glorious, please ensure that you support the sun safety measures for your child. Namely:

- bring a large water bottle to the Academy, and re-fill it regularly at our water fountains. A minimum of 2 litres a day should be consumed for good health, and more in hot weather to avoid de-hydration
- apply high factor (SPF30-50) sunscreen before the start of the Academy day and re-apply as required
- wear a hat on the journey to/from the Academy and at break/lunch to protect the head, this can be removed when entering the buildings
- keep fair skin covered to avoid sun damage- e.g. by wearing a long-sleeved school shirt rather than a short one

This is especially important if your child has a fair complexion or has been more susceptible to medical concerns affected by hot weather in the past.

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Can I also ask you to support the Academy with the following reminders for your child/children;

1. The Covid-19 Risk Assessment remains in place and can be found on the AHA website. Please ensure your child continues to bring a **face covering** daily as these are required to be worn in indoor spaces except for classrooms. Please also encourage 'staying apart' and sanitising/washing hands regularly (hands, space, face). We hope that you continue to use the lateral flow tests twice a week at home, that the Academy has provided to keep everyone safe
2. We currently have a uniform 'focus fortnight'. A reminder please that your child should always wear their **blazer** to the Academy. In hot weather they can remove these in lessons and the Principal will decide in extremely hot weather if students can remove them at other times during the day. Nonetheless, they should always have them. We want our students to be comfortable, but we also expect them to show respect for the Academy by complying with our uniform code
3. Energy drinks are not permitted in The Academy **at all**. They can be dangerous, and some are not permitted to be consumed by those under 16 due to the high levels of caffeine/taurine or other stimulants. We want to encourage all our students to drink WATER (brain food). We are working with local retailers to encourage them not to sell energy drinks including Red Bull, Monster Energy and Lucozade on the journey to and from the Academy. If we do see energy drinks on site, we will confiscate them. Research suggests they can be harmful and do not support good engagement in learning. Please see this recent article about the death of a student linked to energy drink consumption:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-56747731>

We look forward to continuing to work positively with all our parents and carers over the next few weeks and months. If you do have any queries, please contact your child's form Tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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