



Founded 1834

# Arbory School

Headteacher: Mr J H Ayres BEd(Hons) NPQH

"A caring community of creative, confident learners."  
"Co-phobble kenjal dy ynseydee chrootagh as yarrooagh."



25.01.2021

Dear Parents,

I really hope that you are coping well with the latest lockdown and are feeling positive now that it looks like we are nearing the end of the current restrictions.

Thank you for all your support over the past few weeks and hopefully, all the hard work that the staff have put into planning, distance learning and video sessions have enabled your children to access the curriculum and to carry on learning at home.

Those children who have attended the hub at Rushen School have also benefited from the hard work and dedication of the hub staff team who have helped those children to carry on learning in a slightly different environment.

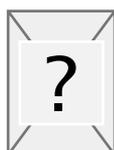
The Department of Education, Sport and Culture have issued a press release today which includes the following information;

- Local hubs operating from each local school will open to children of essential workers and vulnerable children on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January.
- Those involved in returning occupations are reminded that they are not automatically classed as essential workers and should continue to keep their children at home.
- Children who are currently eligible to attend primary hub schools, will be required to attend **their usual** school.
- Meals will continue to be provided within the hubs for those attending.
- Furthermore, to enable staff to focus upon preparing for the re-opening of all schools on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, online learning will scale right back to allow teachers to prepare for the re-opening of schools. This means that with effect from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 no new work will be set, however, children are encouraged to catch up on any outstanding work during Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Ballabeg Isle of Man IM9 4LH

Scoill Chairbre Balley Beg Mannin IM9 4LH

T(01624) 823369 E [arboryenquiries@sch.im](mailto:arboryenquiries@sch.im) W <https://arbory.sch.im/>



This change will enable all staff, where required, to access their own school and prepare classrooms and work, observing social distancing requirements, ready for a full re-opening of all schools on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

On Monday 1st February, we really look forward to welcoming everyone back to school with no restrictions. Children should enter the side gate as usual and parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds.

Dinners and Bus Services will continue as usual from Monday.

It will be lovely to see the children back in school and Sizzles will be keen to see all his school friends once more (He is one on 1st February, so a big day for him too!)

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

Your sincerely

Jonathan Ayres  
Headteacher