



The Arnewood School

11-19 Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Advance Notice of Partial School Closure - Year 9 Only

As you are aware, the government has suggested that certain groups who are at greater risk if they contract COVID-19 will shortly be required to remain at home. This will markedly deplete our staffing and as a consequence we shall not have sufficient teachers, even if we combine classes, to cover all groups. We have attempted to recruit additional temporary teachers, but supply agencies are facing unprecedented demand outstripping availability.

With effect from Monday it will therefore be necessary to arrange partial school closure and I am asking parents/carers to keep Year 9 students at home. All other students should continue to attend unless self-isolating because they, or a member of their family, are unwell.

If you are the parent / carer of a Year 9 student, employed in front line NHS or emergency service, and who will be unable to attend work as unable to arrange childcare, please would you contact me at the school?

This arrangement will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Where possible, work will be set for Year 9 students on Firefly, the school's virtual learning environment. Further information can be found at www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/covid-19

We continue to monitor the government direction issued daily to schools and colleges. I shall advise parents/carers of future change.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

