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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

Re: Face-to-Face Tutorial Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 Commencing 6th July 2020

Many of you will have listened to the Prime Minister's statement on 23rd June when he outlined the reduction of social distancing, maintaining 2m where possible, but allowing 1m in certain situations with additional measures. We anticipate that the detailed guidance to accompany this announcement will be provided to schools next week. Hopefully this will give us adequate time to make preparation for students returning to school in September so this can be communicated to the school community before the summer break.

We are all acutely aware of the impact of prolonged absence from school on students' learning and wellbeing. Consequently, in order to provide a face-to-face tutorial for students who have been unable to attend school since March we shall be providing students in Years 7, 8 and 9 the opportunity to meet with a tutor or their Head of Year. This will be onsite from the week commencing 6th July. For students' welfare, we believe it may help them to "check-in" with school, reflect on their experiences of the last few months and review their learning at home. It will also give them some insight as to how the school may operate in September depending on what is contained in the future guidance issued by the DfE and Public Health England.

By way of preparation, let me remind you of the list of rules we have successfully used with students currently attending school. I am sure you understand clarity is important in this situation. It will be essential that the following important rules are fully observed to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Students: -

- with COVID-19 symptoms + may not attend school and must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines +
- who have come into contact with a person showing COVID-19 symptoms must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines +
- **must** remain **2 metres** apart from any other person including, while in school, those from the same household
- must remain in the group to which they are allocated at **all** times while in school
- may only attend school at the specific times given to their designated group
- must observe the staggered breaks and lunchtime allocated to their group
- may only use the toilet allocated to their designated group
- must occupy the same allocated seat in their designated classroom
- must bring their own hand sanitiser to school for their personal use only
- must bring their own school equipment as none can be loaned
- when arriving at school, must go directly to their group's designated room
- when leaving school, must observe rules on social distancing and not congregate with others

- must bring their own water to drink and any other refreshments required as the canteen will not be able to serve snacks or meals
- must wear school uniform which is regularly washed.

+ <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>

The Heads of Year for Year 7, 8 and 9 will be writing to you before the end of next week to advise you of the time allocated to you. To ensure social distancing I am afraid we are unable to offer a substitute time as we are maintaining strict separation (bubbles) between cohorts including Year 10 and Sixth Form who have regular lessons.

As you will appreciate, this exercise is extremely complex but designed to maximise the number of students being able to attend school while adequately meeting the needs of the majority of students who are still receiving home education. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the school at enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk. As we are operating with a reduced number of staff in school, please allow additional time for a reply.

I am sure we all hope this is another step back towards normality in September and *life after lockdown*. If, as we are promised, secondary schools are able to operate fully in the Autumn Term we shall stagger the start of the year across the first week to make sure everyone is comfortable with any new systems. I also wish to ensure we have adequate staffing specifically to help those students who, quite understandably, will be more anxious with suddenly being with larger numbers again. I shall write further to parents/carers with details once finalised.

Your sincerely

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