



The Arnewood School

11-19 Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Arrangements for the Autumn Term 2020

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school at the start of the Autumn Term. Our intention is to deliver all subjects to all years, and staff have been working hard to modify schemes of work, classrooms and facilities to accommodate this plan. The health and welfare of our students and staff remains a high priority and students will be required to maintain year group bubbles and follow robust hygiene arrangements. In doing so we are adhering fully to the current government guidance for schools and colleges, as published on 2nd July.

The arrangements set out below for the first four days are designed to prioritise the careful reintegration of students who have been educated at home for many months, or who may be joining secondary school having been unable to participate in our usual Year 6 transfer days this year. The staggered programme will allow us to support students where required and explain the new and complex systems that we have put in place. We shall also be inducting students in arrangements for organising segregated student movement, breaks and lunchtimes. Other significant changes that have been put in place to allow the school to operate safely include new routines in lessons, maintaining social distancing, and enhancing hygiene. We are only permitted to operate assemblies for a year group at a time. Where two or more year groups are having assemblies in the same day, we have allowed time for cleaning in-between.

With this in mind, timings are set out below: -

Start days and times are staggered by year group bubble for the four days (beginning 7th September) so we can explain new systems and offer additional support as required; we understand some children will be anxious about returning to school and being with larger gatherings. Students will follow their new timetable whether in school or at home. During sessions allocated to working from home, teachers will set tasks on Firefly in line with their new timetable.

	Week 1 Monday 7th September	Week 1 Tuesday 8th September	Week 1 Wednesday 9th September	Week 1 Thursday 10th September	From Friday 11th September
Y7	8.20-13.00	8.20-13.00	8.20-13.00	8.20-13.00	8.20-15.00 *
Y8	Working at home	Working at home	Working at home	13.30-15.00	8.35-14.45 *
Y9	Working at home	Working at home	13.30-15.00	8.35-13.05	8.35-14.55 *
Y10	Working at home	13.30-15.00	8.20-13.35 *	8.20-13.35 *	8.20-14.50 *
Y11	13.30-15.00	8.20-13.10	8.20-13.10	8.20- 13.10	8.20-14.35 *
Y12	9.00-11.00	8.45-13.05	9.45-13.05	8.45-13.05	8.45-15.00 *
Y13	Working at home	9.45-13.05	8.45-13.05	9.45-13.05	8.45-15.00 *

* Packed lunch required to eat in school

By way of additional information, please note: -

- From day five (beginning 11th September) students will continue to remain in their bubbles. All students will be in school with staggered start and finish times, breaks and lunch. The day will consist of five, hour-long lessons and students will study their intended subjects and curriculum. Each year group will be allocated its own adjacent rooms but may move elsewhere under staff supervision to use specialist facilities.
- Students must arrive and depart promptly to ensure segregation between year group bubbles.
- Students will be zoned during the day. Please talk to your son/daughter about the importance of their community responsibility of following the school rules for the welfare of everyone in the school community, not just themselves.
- **Government guidance emphasises the importance of students not having physical contact with each other.** This will be very important and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this to your child.
- All students are expected to wear complete full school uniform. They will require their PE kit on days where PE is shown on their timetable.
- **All students must bring their own hand sanitiser to school every day** (with at least 60% alcohol content). They must follow hand hygiene rules for every lesson.
- Students must bring their own equipment (including calculators) to school as we are unable to loan any. Stationery packs can be purchased if required from the Finance Office for £2 before and after school only.
- Only students eligible for free school meals will be able to obtain food at lunchtimes. Snack food will not be served during the day but students may bring their own to eat at breaktimes. If your child is not eligible for free school meals, please ensure they bring an adequate packed lunch, including a water bottle each day.
- Homework club will be by invitation and initially aimed at students requiring intensive catch-up.
- Students are strongly encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible. Students travelling on the school coach and/or minibuses are considered safe to do so under the guidance we have been issued. We understand students may feel more comfortable wearing a face covering.
- **Exemplary behaviour and cooperation will be required at all times and students who endanger the welfare of others risk exclusion.**

The school timetable will look like this: -

	8				9				10				11				12				1				2							
Standard	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45	0	15	30	45
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13					P1				P2				P3				P4								P5							Reg

These arrangements will be reviewed from time-to-time and parents/carers will be informed of significant changes in organisation. If you have any queries in the meantime please approach your son/daughter's Head of Year for specific

guidance. Please check the school website www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/covid-19 in case government guidance changes during the summer holidays.

On a happier note (but also not without its logistical challenges), I am delighted to announce we begin the next phase of our building programme in September with the £2M refurbishment of our Expressive Arts building. This project will run until February and provide state of the art facilities for Music and Drama.

The last few months have been extremely challenging for parents/carers, students and the school. Although I have expressed it previously, I would like to reiterate how grateful I am to the support of the community and the dedication of staff at The Arnewood School who have, as always, worked flexibly and constructively with students' best interests at heart.

I hope you have a relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing you face-to-face again shortly.

Yours faithfully

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