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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Consent Form for COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing – Current Remote Learners

This letter is specifically to parents/carers of students who are currently learning at home and not presently attending school.

As you are aware, we have now set up a COVID testing centre on site, which is being operated by staff from The Arnewood School and community volunteers. All have completed the approved NHS Covid-19 national training programme.

The test is simple to self-administer and results are obtained within about 30 minutes with a high degree of accuracy. Further information can be found at www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/covid-19/covid-testing where you can read about the testing process, view a helpful video, and read the associated data protection notice.

As we welcome students back into school, hopefully at half term, all students will be asked to take a lateral flow tests (LFT) designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. Tests will be weekly while the national school's testing programme continues. They will help ensure our communities safety if participation levels are high.

In order for your child/children to have the test please can you complete the consent form required. This form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 16, students who are 16 and over can provide consent. One consent form must be completed for each child you wish to participate in testing.

Please give your consent using the online consent form, by visiting the Covid Testing webpage on the school website <https://www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/covid-19/covid-testing/> and clicking the red button marked Testing Consent Form.

Alternatively, if you are unable to complete the form online, please ensure your child attends school with a hard copy of the form attached to this letter. You do not need to complete both.

Anyone experiencing COVID symptoms should not attend school and seek assistance from the NHS.

We will obviously notify parents and carers immediately of positive results obtained in school. To receive results via email or text your son or daughter will be issued with simple instruction card at the time of testing. This is so you can receive additional notifications from NHS Track and Trace if you wish.

No child will be tested unless written consent has been received, so early return of the attached form is extremely important.

Yours faithfully

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