



# The Arnewood School

## 11 – 19 Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

### Re: Return to School Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Many of you will have listened to the Prime Minister’s statement on Monday about the gradual easing of measures necessary to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19 and protect NHS capacity.

From 8th March 2021, schools have been authorised to begin to reopen for all students. You are likely aware that secondary schools and colleges have been asked to undertake lateral flow tests for students on their return. Students, for whom consent has been given, will receive three tests, between 3 and 5 days apart, over the space of two weeks. This represents over 3500 tests across the school. Parents and carers will be provided with testing kits so that students can be tested at home later in March. These tests will be completed twice weekly under your supervision. While it is not mandatory for parents to give consent for testing, I would kindly ask for everyone’s support as this is the best way to keep our community safe and minimise having to send students home in the event of further outbreaks.

In order to facilitate testing on this scale it will be necessary to stagger the return of students over Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March with the aim of all students who have consent being tested before returning to school on the day following their test. **Please see the table at the end of this letter which explains when your son/daughter’s tutor group will receive their first lateral flow Covid test.** All students must attend with their tutor group, even if not being tested, as we shall be providing other key information about how the school will operate once fully reopen. Students should attend school, in full uniform, and proceed to the hall. Once briefed and tested they will need to leave the school site immediately. Please arrange for your son or daughter to be collected if they are not walking home. Students will be given clear instructions on how parents will receive the NHS test result notifications. We will obviously contact parent/carers of students testing positive directly, and identify close contacts who will need to isolate for 10 days. **Students who have not tested positive will return to school with their year group bubble the day following their briefing and test.**

As you will appreciate, this exercise is extremely complex but the plans outlined above are designed to maximise the number of students being able to attend school while adequately meeting the needs of some students still at home learning remotely, and of course the 100+ students who have been attending the school daily already. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the school at [enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@arnewood.hants.sch.uk).

By way of preparation, let me remind you of the list of rules we have successfully used with students attending school since the Autumn Term 2020. 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 <sup>+</sup> may not attend school and must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines <sup>+</sup>
- who have come into contact with a person showing COVID-19 symptoms must remain isolated at home in accordance with NHS guidelines <sup>+</sup>

- must remain **2 metres** apart from any other person including, while in school, those from the same household
- **must now wear a clean face mask (unless medically exempt) in communal areas and classrooms unless otherwise directed by staff**
- 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/>

I shall write to parent and carers again regarding the awarding of “examination” grades this summer. Information regarding the awarding of centre assessed grades has only just been released to schools and colleges, and will take some time to digest. In the meantime, I hope candidates will take comfort from Simon Lebus’s comments as Ofqual’s Interim Chief Regulator, that the aim is to **“make it no harder overall for this year’s students.”**

Your sincerely

*N. M. Pressnell*

Nigel Pressnell  
**Headteacher**

## Testing Schedule

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Arrive at School	Leave School Between
11KGN / 11VRE	08.30	09.00 - 10.00
11PCE / 11CTT	09.30	10.00 - 11.00
11PGT / 11REN	10.30	11.00 - 12.00
Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)		
SNT / SVS / SMG	11.30	12.00 - 13.00
SSK / SNJ / SSC	12.30	13.00 - 14.00
SAT / SMZ	13.30	14.00 - 15.00
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Arrive at School	Leave School Between
7KML / 7LML	08.30	09.00 - 10.00
7VNN / 7TFS	09.30	10.00 - 11.00
7MCT / 7JBT	10.30	11.00 - 12.00
8EFL / 8JMH	11.30	12.00 - 13.00
8KHN / 8JMR	12.30	13.00 - 14.00
8JPN / 8JKN	13.30	14.00 - 15.00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Arrive at School	Leave School Between
9SSS / 9PVE / 9SJR	08.30	09.00 - 10.00
9LEN / 9RSM / 9JBE	09.30	10.00 - 11.00
9AGR / 9HSN	10.30	11.00 - 12.00
10GTM / 10EDG	11.30	12.00 - 13.00
10DSS / 10JVT	12.30	13.00 - 14.00
10CAN / 10JPY	13.30	14.00 - 15.00

## Return to School – Overview

Date	Testing	Remote Learning	In School +
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	11 / 12 / 13	7 / 8 / 9 / 10	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12 / 13
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9 / 10		7 / 8 and 11 / 12 / 13
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March			7 / 8 / 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March			7 / 8 / 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13

+ Full timetable as Autumn Term 2020 with staggered start and finish times. Students will be taught in year-group bubbles.

Students in the support school (eligible and key worker children) will return to lessons in school after testing. They will re-join their year group bubble when the whole year group return the day following their negative test.

School coaches and minibus will operate their normal timetable from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March for year groups in school on Tuesday and Wednesday, and all students from Thursday.