



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer

Re: COVID - 19 Confirmed Cases During the Half-Term Holiday

Please be advised that we have had three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 11. The students concerned began to show mild symptoms during the holiday period and prompt communication from their parents has allowed us to make precautionary phone calls to alert possible close contacts. Year 11 have completed their centre based exam assessments and are no longer attending school which will reduce the risk of transmission between bubbles. Given this small cluster I have spoken with Public Health England who are monitoring test results locally.

I appreciate that many parents and carers are diligently home testing their children every 3-5 days with the lateral flow test kits provided. This is especially important at the moment and I am sure you will inform the school immediately if you detect a positive test result. You can do this by emailing covid@arnewood.hants.sch.uk. Please can you again reinforce the need for good respiratory and hand hygiene in school. While face masks are no longer required in school, they may be worn if students feel more comfortable doing so. Please remind children that masks must be worn outside of school when entering shops in the town.

On a separate matter, may I thank parents and carers for the much improved standard of school uniform recently. The students body is looking very smart. I offer a gentle reminder that mobile phones, while permitted in school, must be switched off and not used at any time while on the school site. Phones that are seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated and returned only to parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's tutor, or head of year, should you require additional clarification about measures in place to ensure student and staff safety during the pandemic.

Your sincerely

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