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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: COVID 19 - Update

We have today sent home two groups of students from Year 7 and Year 10 who are identified as close contacts of students in their respective years who have had positive home lateral flow tests this weekend. These positive tests have been confirmed by PCR tests as students are symptomatic.

You will perhaps be aware that a number of schools are experiencing such outbreaks of the Delta variant of Covid 19 in and around the local area. Over the next few weeks it is really important, in order to keep the school community safe, that we do not let our guard down and assume we no longer need to remain vigilant.

You will remember that I wrote to parents/carers in June as it has become apparent that the Delta variant may have slightly different symptoms in young people than the Alpha variant which we have been more used to. It is seemingly also more contagious.

So, as well as the main symptoms we are already on the lookout for: -

- Temperature or fever;
- Continuous cough;
- Loss of taste and smell.

Please can you also be mindful if your child complains of: -

- Headache;
- Runny nose;
- Sore throat.

Please can I ask that you continue testing twice a week with the lateral flow tests. **In light of the cluster of positive test results this weekend please can I request the whole school community test themselves before attending school on Tuesday.** Please report positive test results to covid@arnewood.hants.sch.uk.

It is very important that we continue to follow current guidelines to keep Covid 19 out of school and to stop the spread of this virus through our community.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance which hopefully keep as many students in school as possible.

Yours sincerely

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