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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Return to School – COVID Update

It is wonderful to be back in school with a much greater degree of normality than we have experienced over the last 18 months. The students look smart and are pleased to be back with friends and enjoying learning (for the most part)! Teachers are delighted to be back in their own classrooms and able to deliver the full curriculum without continuous adjustments.

As you know, students have taken a lateral flow test on their return to school. Unsurprisingly this has identified a number of positive cases mostly in Year 7 and Sixth Form. The good news is schools no longer have to identify close contacts and send home students from the same bubble. Nevertheless, it highlights the need for continued vigilance. It is important that parents/carers make sure their child regularly tests for COVID at home every 3-5 days. Please continue to inform the school where positive cases are detected using the email address covid@arnewood.hants.sch.uk. New home testing kits have been given to students to cover the month of September.

It would also be sensible for students to continue with good respiratory and hand hygiene. To this end, please make sure your son/daughter has a face mask (to wear in busy communal areas), hand gel, and their own equipment (to avoid sharing and loans) when attending school. We will do our best in school to maintain good ventilation and continue to promote precautionary public health messages.

Wishing everyone well for the year ahead.

Yours faithfully

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