



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Start of Spring Term – Plans for Whole School Covid Testing in January 2022

This letter details plans for the beginning of the new year which begins for staff with an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

In accordance with instructions from the Department for Education, we shall be testing all students for COVID 19, in the first week of term. This means that the start of term will be staggered to facilitate onsite testing. Students found to be positive with a lateral flow test (LFT) will be required to take a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction test (PCR) and isolate in accordance with public health guidelines. The LFT will be supervised by trained volunteers and staff. Students will be tested in small groups. They will return home immediately after testing and parents/carers will be notified of positive test results but not negative.

Testing will only be conducted with the consent of parents/carers of children under the age of 16 years. Those who have already given consent via the school do not need to repeat this exercise. The consent form can be completed immediately and is found online at: -

<https://arnewood.fireflycloud.net/surveys-and-feedback/consent-form-for-covid-19-testing>

Students in Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form are asked to attend school for part of the INSET day on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will be tested on Wednesday 5th January 2022. The programme with the times for testing is contained in the schedule sent with this letter. Online learning will be provided on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 students to complete around their onsite test. This will be provided on Firefly for each lesson timetabled that day. Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form students will commence lessons onsite on Wednesday 5th January 2022. From Thursday 6th January 2022 all students will be in school as normal unless required to isolate.

From the beginning of term all students will still be required to have a face mask with them in school unless medically exempt. They may on occasions be directed to wear them as a courtesy to others, for example in more confined spaces. It is also important that students come prepared with all of their own equipment, and have hand sanitiser for their personal use. We expect students to maintain high standards of uniform. Mobile phones should be in bags and switched off. Those seen or heard during the day will be confiscated.

We continue to be impressed by the behaviour and perseverance shown by our students in these challenging times. Our Year 7 students have settled into Arnewood life incredibly well and we have been pleased with their positive start. A group of Year 8 students recently took part in some exciting work with the Institute of Engineering and Technology as part of The National Faraday Challenge. Our Year 11 students have just completed their mock GCSE examinations and again we were aware of high levels of determination and resilience amongst the cohort. This term has also seen our community pack and donate nearly 70 shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts as well as raise over £1100 for children's charities.



I wish to pay credit to the many dedicated staff in school who have gone above and beyond to keep the school operational in recent difficult weeks. If it were not for the willingness of teachers to take on additional classes to cover absence, or members of our support staff covering sickness, we would have otherwise needed to have sent students home. I know you will share my gratitude.

Yours faithfully

N. M. Pressnell

Nigel Pressnell
Headteacher

Spring Term 2022 – In School Testing Schedule

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Year 10 - Testing	Year 11 - Testing	Year 12 - Testing	Year 13 - Testing
<p>9.00 a.m.</p> <p>10SSS, 10PSN, 10SJR, & 10AGR</p> <p>10.00 am</p> <p>10JBE, 10HSN, 10LEN, & 10RSN</p>	<p>11.00 a.m.</p> <p>11GTM, 11EDG, & 11DSS</p> <p>11.45 a.m.</p> <p>11PCE, 11JPY, & 11CAN</p>	<p>1.30 p.m.</p> <p>All tutor groups</p>	<p>2.15 p.m.</p> <p>All tutor groups</p>

Wednesday 5th January 2022

On site school lessons for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 only. Online learning for Y7, Y8 and Y9.

Year 7 - Testing	Year 8 - Testing	Year 9 - Testing
<p>9.00 a.m.</p> <p>7CTT, 7PGT, & 7DHS</p> <p>10.00 a.m.</p> <p>7REN, 7KGN, & 7VRE</p>	<p>11.00 a.m.</p> <p>8SGN (was 7KML), 8LML, & 8VNN</p> <p>11.45 a.m.</p> <p>8TFS, 8MCT, & 8JBT</p>	<p>1.30 p.m.</p> <p>9EFL, 9JMH, 9KHN</p> <p>2.15 p.m.</p> <p>9JMR, 9JPN, 9JKN</p>

Thursday 6th January 2022

Lessons for all year groups in school unless a student is self-isolating.