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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID Update

Thank you for your support this week in what has been a difficult week, and a stark reminder for us all, that the COVID pandemic is far from over. Our young people have shown great maturity both working from home and inside the Academy. I have spoken to the Public Health Team on several occasions this week and have another multi-agency meeting on Monday to look at how we can work together to ensure infection rates do not rise again in our community. I will communicate any key actions early next week, but in the meantime, I am delighted to inform you that we have been advised that **all students can return to the Academy on Monday 10th May, if isolation periods are over**. All close contact isolations derived from school will be over by this point and if your child is isolating because of track and trace identifications in the community, then please inform us as soon as possible.

I would ask that you support and work with us by:

- Ensuring your child completes a lateral flow test on a Sunday evening and again on a Wednesday each week.
- Inform us immediately at (covid@armthorpeacademy.org.uk) if the lateral flow test is positive.
- Book a PCR test for your child and isolate as a family until results are confirmed.
- Keep your child at home if they display any of the three key symptoms of COVID (high temperature, sore throat or persistent coughing).

In the community, please remind your child about the importance of social distancing. On several occasions when the Leadership Team have left school between 6.00 and 7.00pm this week, we have seen large groups of students either walking closely together or just sitting in the street. Whilst there are no issues with behaviour, and on many occasions our students have been their lovely warm, friendly selves, it does concern us that they are mixing in such large groups without face coverings or adhering to social distancing guidelines.

New Staff

Due to increasing student numbers and improvements to our curriculum, we are currently making several key appointments for September. I will inform you of these in due course, but in the interim, I wanted to make you aware of our new Deputy Headteacher. Mr Abraham has joined us from a secondary school in Leeds. He is an extremely experienced Senior Leader who will bring much knowledge and expertise to our team. He has already started forging excellent relationships with our students, and as soon as COVID allows, he will join me at some parent open mornings so we can both meet more of you in person.

We look forward to seeing all our learners back in school next week. Take care and thank you once again for your support and understanding this week.

Kind regards

Claire Robbins
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs Claire Robbins

Inside everyone there is a rainbow waiting to shine.

Ambition

Pride

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

