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Dear resident

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Returning to school

Schools across the district are starting to welcome back students with new safety measures in place that may include additional cleaning, staggered start times, and changes to classroom layouts.

Parents and carers will be receiving information directly from schools about any changes, and you can read general back to school advice from Hampshire County Council

at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/schools>

Boundary review

Have you had your say on a new political map for the New Forest District yet?

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in the district and the consultation closes on 7 Sept.

Read more and give your

views: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/19558>

Virtual meetings

Since May we have been streaming many of our public meetings live on YouTube.

All our meetings are available to watch back at any time

at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY5ng2quINNQPcqQeQ4uf4g>

The next online meeting of Council is at 6.30pm on Monday 7

September and details about all our upcoming meetings can be found

at <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

Could you join a vaccine trial?

Thousands of volunteers have already signed up to the NHS COVID-19 Vaccine Research Registry to help speed up efforts to discover a vaccine.

The aim is to get as many people as possible signed up to the registry by October.

To sign up: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/research/coronavirus-vaccine-research/>

Scam email alert

We are aware of a scam email that some residents have received to say that a council tax rebate will be paid to them.

We never send unsolicited emails about council tax benefits and ask that you are cautious over emails that sound too good to be true.

Always take a moment to consider if an email could be a scam, check details like the web address, and see the advice given by Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> on how to avoid fraud and scams.

If you receive an email about council tax and would like to check its authenticity, please do get in touch at counciltax@nfdc.gov.uk

If you are having difficulty paying your Council Tax, contact us straight away. We will do our best to help you. <https://newforest.gov.uk/article/1252/Difficulty-Paying-Council-Tax>

Job vacancies at NFDC

Are you looking for a new job?

We have a number of vacancies in ICT, leisure, and refuse.

Search our website for vacancies, more information and how to apply https://ce0395li.webitrent.com/ce0395li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC105GF.open?WVID=612290007I

Join the Hampshire residents forum

Hampshire County Council is looking for local people to join a new forum to help shape the delivery of essential services, and support the county to get back on its feet post COVID-19.

Known as Hampshire Perspectives, the forum's members will be asked to give their views on a wide range of topics from social care, to climate change, and economic prosperity.

Forum members can expect to be contacted every two to four weeks, via email, and asked a small number of questions. There will also be opportunities for those taking part to provide more in-depth feedback via face to face meetings, when it is safe to do so.

To register your interest, please complete HCC's short online questionnaire <https://hampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=159585007163>

Are you a business collecting customer information for Test and Trace?

There is a toolkit available for collecting customer information to help the Test and Trace process <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/Test-and-Trace/resources/customer-logging-toolkit/>

Latest information from NFDC:

<https://www.newforest.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Latest information from central

government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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