

10 September 2020

Dear Parents

We hope that you and your families are well. We were delighted to see your sons back at School; they are the lifeblood of the RGS.

As you can imagine, having 1420 boys and 170 staff presents a number of opportunities and also challenges. We have been as proactive as is possible in our planning, but even yesterday have made some amendments to keep our community as safe as is possible.

1. We have increased the outside space available to the boys, given the Government change to guidance overnight and the beautiful weather that is forecast. All boys have been asked to be in groups of 6, maximum, and to keep note of whom they are with. Each group must be 2 metres from other groups. The Year Groups are still zoned, and the Form Rooms are still available.
2. All boys (unless exempt) **must** bring masks to School. These are mandatory in communal areas and corridors, and in classrooms when requested by teaching staff. We advise that students bring 3 masks in a plastic ziplock bag. Disposable masks are available for purchase from Resources at a cost of 50p.
3. Please can we ask parents to ensure that their contact details are correct and that we can contact them, or their emergency contact, at all times. Boys showing Covid symptoms must be collected immediately.
4. If your son is travelling by bus to and from school can you please ensure he wears a face mask for the duration of the journey and ask him to sanitise his hands before boarding the bus.
5. The School is experiencing some IT difficulties at this time. We hope that these will be resolved in the very near future, but as they are also affecting our canteen software, we suggest that your son might be better served with a packed lunch until such time as the canteen can run a full normal service again.

Whilst we are confident in our procedures, there will inevitably be some change in the coming weeks and months, and I am grateful for the support you, as a key part of our community, offer.

With kindest regards

**Alex Wallace**

**Deputy Headmaster**