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Dear Parent

I hope this letter finds you and your family well in this continuing challenging environment.

As stated in previous letters, we are delighted to have the boys back at School, to see the teachers teaching and the boys engaging. And, as also stated, your boys are playing their part well. They are sanitising their hands and they are wearing masks in communal areas. Furthermore, they are exceptionally respectful of distancing around staff members. For this courtesy, we thank them.

We are, however, concerned about their spacing around each other at break and lunchtime. We ask that boys remain in their Year Group areas and access food provision at staggered times; this they adhere to largely, and we have staff around to remind them if needed. However, within the Year Group areas, they find it difficult to space themselves from their friends. It is regarding this that we ask for your help. I attach a short PowerPoint detailing how your son can show individual responsibility whilst on site. Please watch this with him. It is less than 5 minutes long and plays itself once set as a slideshow.

Given the Government guidance, and further guidance that we have received from Bucks CC Public Health Advisor, we request firmly that parents do not send boys to School if they have any of the three key symptoms of Covid:

- a temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently to normal

You may find this [guidance](#) from the NHS useful on when and how to self-isolate, and the [quick guide for parents](#) from the Government.

We cannot accept boys back in School until they have either isolated for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or received a negative test result. Siblings must be isolated for 14 days from Day 1. Please email attendance@rgshw.com with test results as soon as you receive them. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mrs Forster hmf@rgshw.com.

We are sorry for the frustration caused by the lack of access to testing; this is beyond our control.

May I finally echo the Headmaster in asking for careful consideration of any social plans over the following weeks and half-term. We will be asking the same of our staff. Numbers in Buckinghamshire are still very low and we check on a daily basis. I am hopeful that, together, we can continue to operate as normal.

With thanks again for your support,

Alex Wallace
Deputy Headmaster