

1st October 2021

## **Dear Parents**

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to manage COVID-19 cases within the school.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

- we gave all students to opportunity to LFD test at school this morning to identify any asymptomatic cases
- there were nine positive cases in total who are now awaiting PCR results at home
- we have had sixteen student positive PCR cases in school this week, eight of which were identified by LFD testing of year 11 students on Tuesday.

With only nine students testing positive across the whole school this morning, there is a low chance of asymptomatic transmission within the school community and at this stage we have been advised that we do not need to 'step up' our COVID-19 response any further. We will of course continue to monitor the situation.

To maximise the benefits of testing the whole school, a second test several days after is essential. We have issued home testing kits to all students this week; **please can we ask you all to ensure your son tests on Sunday evening** and continues his twice weekly LFD testing.

## **VACCINATION UPDATE**

We have been in touch with the Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team to discuss the options available to those students who were unable to be vaccinated on Wednesday. We can confirm that the Immunisation Team will be returning on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The Immunisation Team have confirmed that is unlikely under 16 year old's will be able to access vaccinations at walk-in COVID-19 vaccination sites. Other local schools have had similar experiences with the vaccination programme and we have asked that our feedback be passed on to inform decisions on adjusting the criteria. For more information on the Buckinghamshire vaccination program, please see the NHS website <a href="here.">here.</a>

If you have any COVID-19 related queries please e-mail our COVID-19 team covidqueries@rgshw.com.

Yours sincerely

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