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Dear Parents,

One of our most important objectives of this period is to maintain the strength of the RGS community. As I write this newsletter to you, many teachers, students and parents will be taking part in the Y13 Online Parent's Evening. Your son's teachers will be sharing some useful pointers, whilst also affording a few minutes of well-deserved praise to this year group. It is a shame for the teachers and pupils not to have their final Parent's Evening face to face and also not to be able to welcome the parents in for the evening.

Across the School, we continue to put community at the forefront. We provide remote assemblies throughout the week, we have ensured that as many clubs as possible have kept running, internal fixtures have continued to go ahead and House Events continue to be well supported.

We will continue to provide the best possible experience for our boys during these difficult times.

But for our parents; we know these times are challenging for all. I imagine you are not missing the wrestle for a parking space in Uplyme for school events but you might be missing the physical connection to the school. The School has vital parental support and connection, and we are missing this. Parents are an invaluable part of our community and we cannot deliver what we do without your help. We've missed the Sportsman's Dinner, the Iftar, the music concerts, the fixtures; these are all special events which bring the community together. Please be assured that we will be ready to welcome parents back on site as soon as it is safe to do so. We will also evaluate the benefits of our offerings. It might be, for example, that on-line parents evenings stay if the benefits outweigh the costs; we have received excellent feedback from parents so far.

Covid Update

Like all schools, we have managed a small number of unrelated positive Covid-19 cases. The School continues to run smoothly, with Public Health England (PHE) endorsing our process. The benefits to the boys of being part of a community are obvious, and we do not like advising students to work from home; however, we must keep the school safe and follow PHE advice. Thank you for your support.

PHE advice is we must ensure confidentiality when we are notified of a positive case. In the world of social media it is very easy for news to spread; please can I urge you and your sons to support us in doing all we can to ensure confidentiality.

With kind regards

Alex Wallace
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