

24th September 2021

Dear Parents

I wanted to write to you all to give a brief update on all things Covid. It can be all too easy for us to get carried away with things resembling normal, however, we are not there yet.

COVID-19

Since our last update, there has been a slight increase in numbers of students across all year groups testing positive for COVID-19. We continue to monitor our numbers extremely closely and are in regular contact with Public Health England and our local Buckinghamshire Council Consultant for advice.

LFD testing

LFD testing has an important role in rapidly identifying people in the population who are asymptomatic with a high viral load and are most likely to transmit the virus to others. It is an essential tool at reducing the transmission.

Please can we ask that your son(s) carries out a lateral flow test this Sunday and continues to test twice weekly. Please report positive LFD test results to attendance@rgshw.com and arrange a PCR within two days. Please keep us updated with test results and isolation dates so that we can best support your son.

Vaccinations

Year 7: Students aged 12 will be invited for vaccinations and a date for this will follow. Students under 12 years old are not currently included in the vaccination programme.

Year 8-11: We welcome 25 nurses to RGS on Wednesday 29th September. Please can you ensure that you have completed the [e-consent form](#) sent out yesterday **and** that students come to school in games kit on the day.

Year 12/13: The role of vaccinations in stemming the transmission is so important and therefore, we will grant permission to 6th form students to attend vaccinations during the school day, providing they can evidence the booking confirmation or we have an email to attendance from parents to confirm.

We are hopeful that as the majority of the school community will soon have had at least one vaccine, it will allow us to continue this term with limited disruption.

I hope that you enjoy what feels like the final days of summer as the nights draw in.

Kind regards

Iain Wilson
Deputy Headmaster