

1 April 2021

Dear Parents

The end of term is always a time of mixed emotion for me. As with most teachers, I endeavour to get to a position where I can enjoy the break. This can make the final few days of term a bit fraught. At the same time the last week can often provide a more relaxed environment with students and staff even more buoyant than usual; it is a good time to be at school! The fine weather this week has also helped. Coaching Year 10 Games in the sunshine on Tuesday afternoon was a real joy. If it were allowed, I'd have commandeered an ice cream van for the lads afterwards.

It has been a term in which we have really seen the support of both students, staff and parents come to the fore. We have seen resilience and dedication for our senior year groups as they worked their way through challenging assessments, we have seen parents and staff come together to conduct over 5,000 lateral flow tests and we have seen incredible support via the PA's Crowdfund appeal. Often, in the face of adversity we see communities come together and this has certainly been the case here at RGS.

### GCSE and A-level Teacher Assessed Grades

Mr Eve and the staff have been working hard in recent months to create our Teacher Assessed Grades procedure. The presentation is stored on the school's Student Development Area. Your son has access to the area [here](#). We would encourage you to watch it with him. Please use the Powerpoint App to ensure you can hear the sound.

### Testing over Easter

Many thanks for all your support with regards to the testing programme so far. Can I please ask you to support the School by continuing to test twice a week over the Easter Holiday? I know it is an extra burden, but hopefully it will allow you to feel extra safe and comfortable as you start to meet friends and family.

At the bottom of this letter there is also some clear guidance on the procedures and protocols if you get a positive PCR result during the Easter Break. Staff will be on duty to support for the first 6 days of the holiday period.

### I can hear Music...

At the time of writing, I am a few minutes late for the mighty House Music rehearsal. Each year, my House Leaders take pity on me and hand me a triangle and ask me not to hit it. This year, they have given me the drums (well, not the drums but a drum!). When taking part in these events it reminds you how superb the students are.

### Thank you

The support for the Crowdfund project has been beyond our expectations. We are immensely grateful for the support that has been shown. It will make a real difference to the School. We have now had over 350 parents contribute, if you still wish to support in any amount that you can, please click [here](#).

Most importantly, I wish you all a wonderful and well-deserved break over the Easter period. I am sure many of you will enjoy seeing friends and family for the first time in a long while. Don't forget to share the chocolate!

Kind regards

**Alex Wallace**  
Deputy Headmaster

# COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols for the Easter Break

Friday 2 April	Saturday 3 April	Sunday 4 April	Monday 5 April	Tuesday 6 April	Wednesday 7 April	Thursday 8 April	Friday 9 April	Saturday 10 April	Sunday 11 April	Monday 12 April	Tuesday 13 April	Wednesday 14 April	Thursday 15 April	Friday 16 April	Saturday 17 April	Sunday 18 April	Monday 19 April
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In all cases of a positive **PCR** test result over the holiday period, we ask that parents inform the School using [attendance@rgshw.com](mailto:attendance@rgshw.com)

From Friday 2 - Wednesday 7 April the School will, in line with DfE Guidance, operate a Test and Trace process. Parents should therefore commit to checking their school contact email address once a day, up to and including Wednesday 7 April in case of notification of contact of their son with a positive case on Wednesday 31 March or Thursday 1 April.

Boys are asked to continue their LFD tests over the holiday period, but please do not contact the School with a positive result until this is confirmed with a PCR test. **You must have a PCR test if you have a positive LFD test.** We also ask that you book a PCR test if your son exhibits any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19.

We wish you all a very relaxing Easter Break, and look forward to welcoming your sons back to School on **Monday 19 April**

If your child has any **ONE** of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new and persistent cough
- a loss of taste or sense of smell
- fatigue/sore throat/ headache/muscle ache

- Book a test immediately using this [Online Form](#) or ring 119
- Child and household isolate until test result received

A **positive PCR test** result:

- Inform the school immediately on [attendance@rgshw.com](mailto:attendance@rgshw.com)
- Child isolates for 10 days from first date of symptoms
- Other household members isolate for 10 days

A **negative test** result:

Isolation can stop immediately. Child returns to school after Easter, if better.