

30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of 2nd year students,

A couple of Parents have written enquiring whether especially RBC's 2nd year students could receive a Covid-19 "booster" vaccination before travelling for their winter break. By mid-December six months will have passed since their 2nd Covid-19 vaccination.

I have delayed writing about booster Covid-19 vaccinations. I was hoping to be able to write with positive news, do not yet have positive news in this respect.

The large Vaccination Centre in Freiburg closed down after a severe drop in demand for Covid-19 vaccinations in the Autumn, and now has re-opened in much smaller format and under a different Authority. RBC made enquiries on behalf of students before its re-opening. I am told that currently only 500 appointments are available each day, which are fully subscribed. RBC also has made enquiries through a range of House Doctors, so far with no success in a general sense. Several House Doctors in Freiburg have a concentration on people who are over 60 years old. With the current spike in Covid infections and since the weekend the concern over the Omicron variant of concern, there is a very high demand for booster vaccinations amongst those already vaccinated.

RBC will continue to try to secure a block booking on behalf of students and members of staff. But in the meanwhile, if your child is returning home for the winter break, it would make sense for them to receive their booster during the break if that is possible. Please would you try to secure a booking – if bookings are needed – for your child, our student, to receive a booster Covid-19 vaccination during this break.

With best wishes,

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