

2nd December 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier in the week I wrote to the Parents and Guardians of 2nd year students, most of these students having been vaccinated almost 6 months ago, to say that RBC had not yet succeeded in obtaining a block appointment for students to receive a Covid-19 booster vaccination.

The excellent news is that yesterday afternoon, through the good services of the Robert Bosch Foundation, the Robert Bosch Hospital in Stuttgart has agreed to provide all eligible (and willing) students a booster vaccination on Saturday 11th December. The relevant supervising Professor is Prof. Dr. Mahrholdt. In broad terms, he has agreed to this for all RBC students for whom at least 5 months has passed since their mRNA (Moderna/Pfizer/BioNTech) and/or Astra Zeneca vaccination. He also has agreed that RBC students not yet 18 years of age may receive a booster vaccination if the 5 month period has passed.

I have invited 2nd year students who do not wish to receive a booster vaccination at this time (for instance, two students are writing their ACT examinations that morning) to inform me of this today, and for any 1st year student who meets these criteria also to inform me if they do wish to receive a booster vaccination on that Saturday. If your child is under 18, should you as a Parent / Guardian not wish your child to receive a booster vaccination (if they are otherwise eligible), please inform me at laurence.nodder@uwcrobertboschcollege.de

RBC is in the process of hiring buses to take the participating students to Stuttgart.

In my view, there is a public benefit argument to RBC's students receiving a Covid-19 booster vaccination. Over 50 students are flying home for the winter break; almost everyone is leaving Freiburg. It is a public benefit that as our students re-gather from many different places, they arrive as best protected against bringing new Covid infections to Freiburg as currently is possible. This adds to the precautions already announced: every student needs to return to campus with a negative PCR test that was conducted within the previous 72 hours, students will take a rapid covid test on their re-entry to campus, and will stay within their house units ("pods") for the first week of the new Semester (during which time teaching will be online).

With best wishes,

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