

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you that the Robert Bosch Hospital in Stuttgart has agreed to provide booster Covid vaccinations on Saturday 5th February 2022 to those students who remain un-boosted. Overall, we understand that this creates a safer set of circumstances for your children, for all our students, during this phase of the Covid pandemic.

I use the language of "safer". As I have explained earlier, at this stage RBC does not choose for its students to withdraw completely from "internal" and "external" society. But we do choose, wherever possible, for that engagement to be "safer".

There are 7 general principles that we try and impress into our consciousnesses:

General Covid Precautionary Principles at RBC

- Generally, one is safer outdoors or in well-ventilated places. If you are in a poorly ventilated place, spend as little time inside as is possible.
- Generally, one is safer when people are masked.
- Generally, one is safer when people are distanced.
- Generally, one is safer when people are vaccinated and boosted.
- Generally, one is safer when people wash their hands regularly.
- Generally, one is safer when people cough or sneeze into their bent elbow.
- Generally, one is safer when people test regularly.

So far, RBC has been most fortunate that we are not aware of any on-campus transmission of Covid. In line with the 7<sup>th</sup> principle, we continue testing all students a minimum of twice a week (un-boosted students for instance need to test 3 times a week, by government regulation). Subsequent tests for a student who we thought had arrived back on campus inadvertently with Covid (and who then was kept in isolation for a week) suggest that it is possible that the first PCR test gave a false positive result. But it is better to be prudent.

With best wishes,



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