

16th May 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I need to inform you that there are 8 students with Covid-19 infection in the Isolation House. In each case, Parents/Guardians have been informed. It is most likely that some of these infections are from within the student community. Most have light symptoms, one student significant symptoms, but (at this stage) not medically dangerous symptoms. Six of the students are 2nd year students. Some are due to be out of quarantine today/in the next days. For some, their participation in the Leavers' events now may be compromised. We now move into the window where infected students' travel plans might be disrupted. I hope you know RBC as a pragmatic and (I trust) a caring institution and community. If there are 2nd year students who cannot travel next Monday (which is the published departure day for our new graduates), RBC will stay responsible for providing or arranging accommodation until they can travel.

In the meanwhile, RBC has increased its testing of students, students have been urged repeatedly to be rigorous in their mask wearing, and today's Assembly was held outdoors. As previously mentioned, "close contacts" are asked to test on a daily basis. All students are encouraged to report if they experience any symptoms that might be associated with Covid-19 infection.

We all wish that we had managed to keep Covid-19 infection off-campus at least for a week or so more and especially so that the 2nd year students could graduate and leave without disruption. We now will manage current circumstances. The positive view is that it is remarkable that students on campus managed to remain Covid-19-free for so long.

With best wishes,

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