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Dear Parent / Carer

Our first full week of the year has been a busy one: pupils engaging in their learning, clubs re-starting and options interviews have been taking place amongst many other things.

Important information for this week below. You will find much of last week's newsletter here as it remains very relevant.

**** Teenage Booster Vaccination Programme ****

Our "Teenage Booster" vaccination programme (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY) will take place on Monday 17th January. A note of consent can be sent with your child on Monday morning for those who have not returned the consent form.

****S4 – S6 Virtual Parents Evening****

Parents evening for S4 – S6 will take place virtually this session on Microsoft Teams through the pupil iPads. This will provide parents and carers the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, ask questions and receive guidance on the next steps to improvement. S4 parents evening is scheduled to take place on Monday 31st January and S5 & S6 parents evening on Monday 7th February. Further guidance will be issued shortly on how parents can book online.

**** S3 into S4 Options Meetings ****

This week's meetings for Barra and Lewis pupils have been very successful and we thank all parents who have participated

Options meetings for S3 Harris, Iona and Skye pupils will take place next week. Each young person will have an allocated 25-minute meeting with their Pastoral Care teacher and a Careers Service representative. Discussion at the meeting will include the pupil's possible career aspirations, their interests and strengths, and progress and attainment information from their S3 report. This will enable the best possible set of subject choices to be made for moving into S4 and the Senior Phase.



Please note the following important changes which were texted to parents / carers last week:

- *Due to the current Covid-19 situation, we are now unable to have parents / carers in school and so Pastoral Care staff will phone all parents who have indicated that they wish to participate, at their child's allocated time.*
- *Harris pupils' meetings are taking place one week later than indicated in the invite letter, but on the same day and at the same time.*



**Our School
Our Future**

****Rosshall's Good Lesson****

As we continually strive to improve Learning and Teaching at Rosshall our teachers are, over the course of this session, working towards defining what makes a really good lesson at Rosshall. To help inform this we need the opinions of all of our learners.

On Wednesday during personal support they will have the opportunity to give these opinions by completing an online survey.

Please encourage your child to complete this survey with due thought and honesty.

**** Home Learning for young people isolating ****

With a significant number of pupils having to isolate due to coronavirus can we please draw your attention to the support available to ensure learning continues as fully as possible if your child is not in school. Class teachers are contactable via their GLOW email accounts (and, in some cases, via their TEAMS group) and can send instructions or direct pupils to relevant learning and resources. This may not always be possible immediately – by accessing the Home Learning Hub on the [Pupil Zone](#) from the school website your child can independently access subject-specific resources for their year group/ level. We want to ensure minimum disruption to your child's learning and we would be very grateful for your support in encouraging and assisting your child to continue learning should they be absent but well enough to be working. *Links on next page*



[Here is the link to the BGE Home Learning Hub.](#)

[Here is the link to the Senior Phase Home Learning Hub.](#)

**** Face Coverings ****



Government Guidance around face coverings has not changed. Thank you for reinforcing the need to bring a face covering and a spare and wear it at all times in the school building. Pupils continue to be exceptionally good at following the guidelines to keep each other safe.

**** Lateral Flow Testing ****

All pupils were issued with lateral flow tests before the Christmas break and can collect tests at any breaktime from the school office. Thank you for continuing to reinforce the guidance to:

- **Test regularly (twice a week) at home;** and
- **Report all results, whether positive negative or void, at www.covidtest.scot or by calling 119.**

Further information for parents and carers is at: www.parentclub.scot/articles/covid-19-testing-staff-and-pupils, and more general information on LFD testing can be found at www.nhsinform.scot. *Frequently Asked Questions* for young people, designed in partnership with Young Scot, can be found here: <https://young.scot/get-informed/national/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-young-people-at-school>.

**** Changes to Isolation from Thursday 6th January 2022****

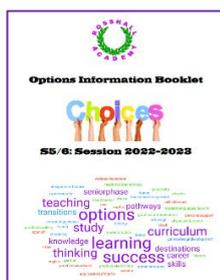
Please see below a summary of changes to isolation from 6th January 2022.

1. Positive cases are advised to self-isolate for ten days. However, if the individual returns two consecutive negative LFD tests taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test no earlier than day six they may end isolation before the end of the ten day period if they have no fever.
2. Close contacts who are fully vaccinated, having received three doses of the vaccination (plus 14 days) or are aged under 18 years and four months, can take daily LFD tests for seven days instead of isolation, provided the tests are negative and they remain without symptoms. If someone over 18 years and four months has not received three doses of the vaccination, they will need to book a PCR test and even if this is a negative result, they will need to isolate for 10 days.
3. If people test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test they are now not advised to get a PCR test to confirm infection but to follow isolation advice as it applies to them as a positive case.

Please contact the school if you have any queries about when your child should return to school.

**** S4/S5 into S5/S6 Parents and Carers Information Evening: 19 January ****

Current S4/S5 pupils and their parents or carers are invited to attend an options information evening on Wed 19th Jan at 7pm on Teams. This will give further information about the options available to S5/6 and go through the preference process. Mr Clelland will also speak about the support offered to S5/6 pupils in applying for further/higher education and careers. Invitations will be sent to S4/5 pupils through Glow next week, and the meeting should be accessed through Teams on pupil iPads. Please contact Ms Drennan with any queries: odrennan@rosshallacademy.glasgow.sch.uk



**** School Uniform / PE Safety ****

We understand that Covid-19 restrictions have necessitated some flexibility around uniform, such as keeping jackets on in class when windows and doors are open. However we saw a deterioration in the standard of uniform overall prior to the Christmas break. A reminder that all pupils should wear:

- Black school skirt or trousers
- School tie
- White school shirt
- Black or purple jumper or school hoodie. [The link to order the school hoodies is here.](#)



A reminder also that pupils should arrive in school uniform, even if they have PE Period 1, and change back into their uniform once they have taken part in PE. This is particularly important at this time of year, where most classes will be outside for some of their PE periods and will need clean and dry uniform to change back into. A reminder that jewellery should not be worn in PE classes and should be removed prior to the lesson. Any jewellery which is difficult to remove, in particular piercings, should be left at home on PE

days where possible. Pupils should also refrain from getting piercings which take a lengthy period of time to heal during term time as this will prevent them from participating in activities.

Thank you for your support to maintain the high standards of uniform we have always appreciated. We are here to help – if you have any difficulties accessing school uniform, please speak to your child's pastoral care teacher. Please also consider donating any good quality items of uniform that your child has grown out of.

**** Financial Support at Rosshall Academy ****

Financial supports and advice are available at Rosshall Academy for all within our community. Please see some information, that might be relevant to some, about the supports that you can access and/or key information related to financial support:

ਸੁਭ ਸਵੇਰ. ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਹੁਣ ਦਸੰਬਰ ਦੇ ਮਹਿੰਗੇ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਂ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਲਿੰਕ ਦੇਖੋ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕੁਝ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਢੁਕਵੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਿਸ ਤੱਕ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ ਅਤੇ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਕੁਝ ਮੁੱਖ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ:

صباح الخير. نظرًا لأننا الآن في شهر ديسمبر الباهظ الثمن ، يرجى الاطلاع على رابط للمعلومات ، التي قد تكون ذات صلة ببعض العائلات ، حول الدعم المالي الذي يمكنك الوصول إليه وبعض المعلومات الأساسية المتعلقة بالدعم المالي:

صبح بخير. چونکہ اب ہم دسمبر کے مہنگے مہینے میں ہیں، براہ کرم معلومات کا لنک دیکھیں، جو کچھ خاندانوں سے متعلق ہو سکتا ہے، مالی امداد کے بارے میں جن تک آپ رسائی حاصل کر سکتے ہیں اور مالی مدد سے متعلق کچھ اہم معلومات

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/rosshall/uploads/sites/7772/2021/12/02151132/Financial-Support-Letter.pdf>

**** Parent Forum ****

If you would like to become involved in the parent council, please contact Rosshall Academy parent council. All parent council minutes can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#). Please also follow our parent council on Twitter [@RosshallPC](#). Our next parent council meeting will be held next **Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7pm** on Zoom (last week's scheduled meeting was cancelled). Please [contact the parent council](#) for a link to this meeting.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing your child in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely



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