

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a restful half term break? My thoughts are with those of you who have been dealing with cases of illness and COVID-19 within your families. As we prepare to return tomorrow, I am sending you the updated version of the Risk Assessment and the Return To School Document.

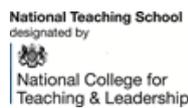
You will be aware that Wiltshire has had some of the highest case numbers in the UK and we saw just before half term that RWBA experienced the highest number of cases since the pandemic started. We also experienced the most amount of staff absence since the start of the pandemic. We hope that with the half term acting as a break in transmission, social distancing and vaccinations uptake that those numbers will begin to drop. In consultation with the RWBAT Chair of Trustees, we will continue to use the following actions in order to keep the number of cases falling:

- Face coverings worn by students and staff in the Street and corridors as these are our most congested areas.
- Face covering worn in the classrooms if students and staff choose to.
- Sanitising hands regularly.
- Year Groups in Meet Zones, for Break and Lunches.
- Reduced movement around the school except for movement between lessons.
- LFD regularly.

I am attending a meeting with Wiltshire Local Authority on Tuesday and if anything changes, I will let you know.

Attendance is obviously mandatory. However, we have already experienced a high number of seasonal infections and as we enter the winter season, please keep your child/young person at home if they are unwell. COVID symptoms aside, our experience before the half-term break was that students were also easily transmitting colds that had similar symptoms to COVID-19. I know that you may be concerned about your child/young person falling behind with their work but I want you to know that we will ensure that they don't and that they do recover any work/knowledge/skills ready for their next steps.

If you are using the LFDs, please ensure they do this before returning tomorrow.



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I would like to thank you for your continued support and communication thus far. We must all work together to try to keep cases as low as possible in order to keep our school functioning as normally as possible. If you have any concerns, please do contact your Year Teams.

Keep safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Ellis
Headteacher

