



Royal Russell

Headmaster's Weekly Newsletter

30 October 2020

To all Parents, Pupils and Members of the Royal Russell Community,

Updated Covid-19 Risk Assessment

On Thursday 22 October, the UK Government issued an update to their document ['Guidance for full opening: schools'](#).

This is the overarching guidance that we have been using to ensure the safe operation of the School during the Covid-19 pandemic. As such, we have reviewed the full **Risk Assessment for the School** and have published an update of the School Website [here](#).

Learning Safely

We were very successful in maintaining a safe working environment for all pupils and staff in the first half of term and I would like to pass on my congratulations to every member of the Royal Russell Community for keeping our hygiene and social distancing measures in mind, as we have delivered a wide curriculum experience for our pupils.



Please do all you can to continue this, as we welcome all of our pupils back to the school site next week.

It is imperative that Royal Russell pupils wear masks on all public transport. Please do ensure that your child is reminded of this as they set off for school.

Stay at home if you have symptoms

The key message, from the guidance, is that if anyone becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must stay at home and follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Most importantly, please do not send your child into School if they, or any member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms.

New Dining Facilities

I am pleased to announce that, over half-term, we have been able to create additional dining facilities with a temporary building alongside the Senior School Dining Hall. This will enable us to move away from the packed lunches we were providing in Great Hall and deliver the same meals for all pupils and staff at lunchtime.

There will be some changes to the lunch time routines to accommodate this new space and these will be explained during briefings at the beginning of next week.



New Building for Queen's and Hollenden House

There has been a great deal of excitement this morning as we have been able to move the first staff and pupils into the amazing new building for Queen's and Hollenden House. The living accommodation is now occupied by some very happy pupils and staff who are enjoying the high quality rooms and the amazing views across the School. There is still some work to complete on the ground floor which we plan to complete before the end of November.

This new living and learning space brings the girls into the heart of the Senior School site and allows us to continue our plans for developing the School campus which will ultimately lead to the provision of a new Junior School.



I look forward to a very successful second half of term and to sharing more news of growth and success from within the Royal Russell learning community.

With best wishes,

Chris Hutchinson

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Headmaster

Key Diary Dates

Upcoming Parents' Evenings

Year 7	Wednesday 18 November 2020
Year 8	Wednesday 10 March 2021
Year 9	Tuesday 2 February 2021
Year 10	Thursday 10 December 2020
Year 11	Thursday 21 January 2021
Year 12	Thursday 25 February 2021
Year 13	Thursday 5 November 2020



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