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Dear Parent/Carer

Examinations during Covid-19 Pandemic

Since I last wrote to you, the government have published clear guidance on how schools should respond if students have symptoms of Covid-19 during their external examination period. We are aware that there may be instances where students unfortunately contract the virus during the examination period. Exams have been spaced a minimum of ten days between the first and last exam in any subject, to reduce the chance of students missing all exams in a subject because of illness. Parents should, wherever possible, encourage their children to attend their exams. However, there may be exceptional cases though where this will not be possible, e.g. a temporary illness on the day of the examination.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advises students to stay at home and avoid contact with others if they have a high temperature and are not well enough to attend exams. Students and/or their parents should then complete a Form 14-JCQ/ME- Self-Certification for Candidates' form. These forms will be made available through the exams office by emailing exams@buckinghamschool.org. This is a self-certification process and students will not have to provide evidence of a positive test. The school will then apply for special consideration from the examination boards, using the category 'absent candidates'.

If students have been advised to take a Covid-19 test by their GP they should stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days (if 18 or under) or 5 days (if 19 or older) after the day they took the test. In each case form 14 should be completed.

Please note that this year there are no plans to assign grades by teacher assessment or mock examination grades. Where special consideration is granted exam board will calculate grades dependent upon other examinations taken for the same subject. More information on the special considerations process can be found [here](#).

As with anything else related to Covid-19, guidance is often changed and we will ensure we keep you updated of any changes that do happen.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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