



VERULAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an incredible start to the academic year, with lots of exciting things taking place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and patience this term, as the transition of a school under new leadership can be challenging. In addition, the pandemic is still affecting education as a whole, resulting in sickness amongst both staff and pupils. Despite these complexities, I have been impressed with the maturity, resilience and positive attitudes of our whole school community.

This term marks the launch of our first student-led newsletter, the Verulam Vox which can be accessed on the link below or via our website. A more detailed celebration of all of the events that have taken place over the course of the term will be issued prior to the Christmas break.

<https://verulamschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/VERULAM-VOX-Autumn-Term-2021-Issue-1.pdf>

As we approach the half term break, I'd also like to thank you for your continued support with the Covid-19 measures that we have introduced. As you will be aware, the Covid-19 case rate throughout Hertfordshire remains high especially in younger and unvaccinated age groups leading to several recent outbreaks within school communities. It is therefore essential that as we head into half term, you encourage your child to test regularly. If you need home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can order more [online](#) through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

By testing your child twice a week, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep all pupils in school and enable the school to remain open to minimise disruption to their education, to you and to your household.

To date, the Covid measures that we have implemented have significantly reduced the number of infections in school. However, as a result of rising infections both locally and

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nationally, we have decided to continue wearing masks in the building at all times; both in communal spaces and in classrooms.

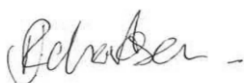
As you will be aware, the NHS has been carrying out Covid-19 vaccinations in schools across the country this term. The schedule date for Covid-19 vaccinations at Verulam School is the 15th November. Please see the attached letter regarding consent for this to be carried out in school.

However, all parents/carers can now also book a vaccine for 12-15 year olds online.

If you wish to arrange for your child to be vaccinated outside of school, please use the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/> Please note that if your child has had a positive COVID-19 test, you need to wait 4 weeks (28 days) before booking. This starts from the date that they had the test.

Thank you for your continued support and I would like to wish you an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Yours faithfully



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