



## Bulletin 4 for Parents/Guardians – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

### School Updates

Dear Parent/Guardians:

A few reminders, updates and pieces of information for you as we come to the end of the first month back in RCS:

- School starts at **8:50am**. Please ensure that your child arrives in school BEFORE this time in order to be prepared for class.
- **If you drive your child to school, you are being requested to drop them AFTER 8.30am. Buses arrive earlier and we must stagger entry to the school.**
- **Please be respectful of traffic management requests sent to you in the last bulletin.**
- Students continue to be expected to wash their **hands regularly, socially distance and always wear a plain, no logo mask (except school mask) in the corridors and classrooms. Please ensure that your child has spare masks in their school bag.**
- The School Food Company will operate a cashless system as last year. Students can only avail of **free breakfast** and lunch using their school fob. You must top up the fob with money in order to buy anything extra. [www.schoolfoodcompany.ie](http://www.schoolfoodcompany.ie)
- The school operates a 'stay at home if you feel unwell' policy for students.
- A **full**, clean uniform is expected every day and this policy will be **strictly enforced**. Students are required to wear school jacket/ or half zip. No other jacket allowed. In order to allow extra ventilation for safety purposes, classroom windows may be opened. If students are cold they should wear extra layers under their uniform.
- **Extra-curricular activities** are back in RCS. Please encourage your child to join a club or society. There is lots happening at break times that students can get involved in!
- We are very aware of the weight of some students' school bags. The reduction to 6 classes per day and the use of student base classrooms has helped this. There is very little movement of students throughout the day – especially our junior students. All of our teachers are working with classes to show students how to access the e-book version of their textbook. The re-introduction of lockers will be considered under advice from our management body.
- Our **Parent Volunteers** pay a vital role in maintaining links between home and school,. If you are interested in becoming a parent Volunteer please contact Sharon McDermott, HSCL on 0892211764. Volunteers help run reading, maths courses and other activities with students, they are fully vetted, and training will be provided.

As always I want to thank you for your cooperation,

Every best wish,

Rachel O' Connor,  
Principal