



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding assemblies

We have taken the decision to organise age-appropriate assemblies for all year groups this week around the theme of e-safety. This follows a dynamic risk assessment regarding concerns that have been reported in our community. All assemblies will be led by Mrs McNair (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and the topics presented are very challenging but it is important that all children understand them. We do wish to make parents aware that we will show the following safeguarding videos produced by Leicestershire police to illustrate the very real risks to children. This [video](#) will be shown to Year 7, 8 and 9 students. This [video](#) will be shown to Year 10, and 11 students. All students will be offered support if they have concerns regarding the content of their assembly.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in these assemblies or if you would like to know more then please contact Mrs McNair (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at VMcNair@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk.

Absence reporting

As you will know, parents are required to inform the school on any occasion when their child will be absent. In the past, we have used an absence reporting phone line which allows parents to leave a voicemail message. However, as the school is now required to record specific information related to cases of coronavirus, these messages have often resulted in follow up phone calls from our Attendance Officer. We recognise that has not been ideal for parents who are not always able to respond to phone calls during the working day. Therefore, we have set up a solution via an Absence Reporting Form available on Microsoft Teams [here](#).

Moving forward, **we will require parents to report absence using this form**. However, we know that this is a change and so during the transition period we will continue to offer absence reporting via the school phone system until Friday 15th October. **After half-term, this absence reporting phone line will no longer be available.**

Coronavirus vaccination booking for 16 and 17 year olds

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

In addition, we will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations next Tuesday to students who have parental consent. Please note that as the demand for vaccines is high, we may not be able to offer every child a vaccine on this day. If this is the case, we will endeavour to schedule a second date.

Yours sincerely,

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