

13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may know, Ofsted visited us before half term as part of a programme of visits to assess how schools are managing the return to full education for pupils, after the closures last academic year to all but a few children, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The visit was not an inspection – because of the protective measures in place in schools, Ofsted is not carrying out full inspections at this time and no grade will be given following the visit. These visits consider how schools are operating under COVID and report where there are significant concerns. I am pleased to confirm that for Rockwood Academy none were found.

In summary, Ofsted found:

- Pupils' attendance is in line with the normal attendance for this time of year. During the period of closures staff contacted all pupils and parents daily – and continue to contact parents when pupils are absent
- Pupils across all year groups are studying the full range of subjects that are usually taught. Curriculum plans have been adjusted to cover any missed content
- The timings of the school day have been adjusted so there is additional time for activities that promote pupils' mental and physical health and well-being
- Teachers are checking what pupils know and remember in each lesson to identify areas where learning is less secure. Pupils in all year groups are completing formal tests, so that teachers can identify gaps in knowledge
- Online platforms have been developed to deliver remote learning. Pupils use these platforms to participate in lessons from home, and they are also provided with practical resources

You can find the full letter on Rockwood Academy's website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support to school. As ever, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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