

18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

You will no doubt be aware that the Education Secretary announced that secondary schools in England will operate a staggered return after Christmas, with all non-exam year groups being educated remotely for the first week of term. I am writing to you now to confirm the arrangements at Rockwood Academy.

We have introduced an INSET day on the 4th January 2021 to help our staff prepare for the Spring term. **NO** students are expected to attend school on Monday 4th January.

Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Students in years 7 to 10 who are considered vulnerable (children with an EHC plan, young people who have a social worker) or are the children of critical workers should return to school on Tuesday 5th January.

All other students in years 7 to 10 should **NOT** return to school on Tuesday 5th January. Instead, they should log onto Microsoft Teams and join their lessons online. Their online education will be as close as possible to any normal day in school: students will register at the same time and have form time every morning and afternoon. Students will follow a normal timetable, with a mix of lessons streamed and pre-recorded. Teachers will be available throughout the day to respond to questions.

Students in year 11

Students in year 11 should return to school on Tuesday 5th January as planned.

Access to equipment and technology

CORE Education Trust is committed to ensuring every student has access to a laptop or tablet device so that they can continue to receive a high quality of education. Should you need to borrow a device for this period, are entitled to free school meals and would like a packed lunch, or have any queries please contact the Pastoral Manager or Senior Leader for your child's year group.

Year Group	Pastoral Manager	Senior Leader
Year 7	Mr Khan m.khan@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mr Donaldson h.donladson@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 8	Ms Shaheen n.shaheen@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs De Jesus p.dejesus@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 9	Ms Sahota b.sahota@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mr Cooke d.cooke@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 10	Mr Ali s.ali@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs Williams j.williams@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 11	Ms Walker s.walker@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mr Howes b.howes@rockwood-academy.co.uk

I appreciate this news may be unsettling and I want to assure you that we will do everything possible to continue to deliver a high standard of education to your child, and to keep disruption to a minimum. Our overriding priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the measures we must take to manage the pandemic.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Darr'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

Sofia Darr
Headteacher