

5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your understanding and support as we have navigated the uncharted waters of home learning and a steady reintegration of our school community. I have been immensely proud of the staff and pupils of Rockwood; their response to these strange times has been incredible. We have seen resilience, flexibility and strength from everyone. Our students have responded positively to the learning opportunities online.

The first thing to say is that we are absolutely delighted the government has said all students can return from 8th March 2021. We have learnt much in lockdown about how to deliver virtual education, with outstanding support from families and teachers. It is vital that we have students back to the school. Having already completed a great deal of preparation and groundwork, we are in a very strong position. I have attached further details of our preparation for students returning, including details of the control measures we have in place.

Our students are an asset to the school and I am proud of how they have demonstrated our core values of collaboration, opportunity, respect and excellence throughout the year.

The schedule for the week commencing **8th March 2021** is as follows.

Monday 8th March 2021 – student testing continues (test 3). Remote learning continues with exception to those who are vulnerable or the children of key workers.

Tuesday 9th March 2021 - students return to Rockwood at the staggered times below. These allocated entrances will be used until the end of the summer term.

Tuesday 9 March- Start times		
Year Group	Start time	Entrance
7	10.00am	Walkway
8	10.00am	Side entrance
9	10.30am	Walkway
10	10.30am	Side entrance by Naseby Centre
11	11.00am	Side entrance by Naseby Centre

School day timings from **Wednesday 10th March 2021** to the end of the summer term will be as follows.

Timings of the School Day		
Year	Timings	Period
8, 9 & 10 7 & 11	08.40 08.50	Arrival (staggered arrival)
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	08.50 – 09.15	Form time
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	09.15 – 10.15	Period 1
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	10.15 – 11.15	Period 2
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	11.15 – 11.30	Break
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	11.30 – 12.30	Period 3
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	12.30 – 14.15	Period 4 – (staggered lunch) (Year 7 – 13.00 – 13.45 Lunch 1) (Years 8 & 9 – 12.30 – 13.15 Lunch 2) (Years 10 & 11 – 13.30 – 14.15 Lunch 3)
7, 8, 9 10 & 11	14.14 – 15.15	Period 5 (staggered end) (Years 8, 9 & 10 dismissal 15.05) (Years 7 & 11 dismissal 15.15)

Should you have any queries, please contact the Pastoral Manager, Director of Learning or Senior Leader for your child's year group.

Year Group	Pastoral Manager	Senior Leader
Year 7	Mr Khan mohsin.khan@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs Cooksey s.cooksey@rockwood-academy.co.uk Mr Donaldson h.donaldson@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 8	Ms Shaheen n.shaheen@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs Lohmannn- Malone b.l-malone@rockwood-academy.co.uk Mr S Malik sh.malik@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 9	Ms Sahota b.sahota@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs McKoy S.Mckoy@rockwood-academy.co.uk Mr Cooke d.cooke@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 10	Mr Ali s.ali@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs Parveen s.parveen@rockwood-academy.co.uk Mrs De Jesus p.dejesus@rockwood-academy.co.uk
Year 11	Ms Walker s.walker@rockwood-academy.co.uk	Mrs Williams j.williams@rockwood-academy.co.uk

Can I remind you that all students and staff must always wear a face mask, unless they are outside. Please contact your pastoral manager if your child is exempt from wearing a face mask.

We have received information from our Birmingham Partnership Team regarding schools' reopening, which we would like to share with you.

The Local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NTPs) across Birmingham have specific Patrol Plans in place, to offer reassurance to staff and students and encourage their safe return to school. Therefore, you may see an increase in uniformed officers within close proximity of the academy, within key green space areas, as well as on key public transport routes (buses/trains) during this time. Please do not be alarmed if you do see an increased police presence, as this will most probably be the reason why.

Can you remind your child(ren) of the continuing COVID-19 restrictions around the wearing of face coverings on public transport and the banning of gatherings/being in the company of others at this time – in line with the Government's Road Map out of lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming our students back into school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Darr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S'.

Sofia Darr
Headteacher