

4th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Returning to Rockwood Academy on Wednesday 5 January 2022

I hope you are continuing to enjoy precious time together and that the holidays have been peaceful and safe.

All students are expected to return to Rockwood Academy for Lateral Flow Testing on Wednesday 5 January 2022 (please see the timetable below for strict time-slots). If, for any reason, your son or daughter is delayed, please note that they may miss the chance to be tested if they do not arrive at least 30 minutes before the end of the session i.e. by 9:05 am if they are in Year 7; by 2:30 pm if they are in Year 11 etc.

Year 7 - 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Year 8 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Year 9 - 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Year 10 - 12:45 am - 1:45 pm

Year 11 - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

After students have been tested, they will return home. We will then only contact you by telephone if the test result is positive, giving advice on what to do next. If you do not hear from someone at the Academy, it means that the result is negative, and your son / daughter can go about their business as normal.

On Thursday 6 January, students will return to Rockwood Academy and their usual timetabled lessons, moving around the Academy's well-ventilated corridors in face coverings to stay as safe as possible. The Academy is as safe as can be. I would like to also remind parents and carers of the need to ensure students arrive at the Academy 'smartly-dressed and ready for learning'.

We expect all students to attend the Academy every day and bring a face covering to wear in communal spaces and classrooms. In line with the latest guidance, any students identified by NHS Test and Trace (schools no longer are required to complete contact tracing) as a contact of someone with COVID-19 must take a LFT (Lateral Flow Test) every day for 7 days and continue to attend as normal, unless they have a positive test result. This should be completed at home, before they leave for school. They should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result. If this is the case, parents/carers are expected to call 0121 566 6500, leaving a message if the line is busy. Communication is key to keeping our Academy as 'Covid-free' as possible.

We look forward to welcoming our wonderful students back to Rockwood Academy for the start of an exciting new term ahead. If you have any questions about the information here, please make contact in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G Williams

Senior Headteacher