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Dear Parent / Carer

As you will know, many schools up and down the country are experiencing disruption because of the latest increase in cases of COVID-19. We, like them, have also been affected at Rockwood Academy by staff absence. On some occasions very recently, this has meant that your child may have been taught by a different teacher – whether from our pool of trusted supply staff or another member of the teaching team. Because of staffing pressures, we have also had to combine classes in some instances.

I am very proud of how our staff have responded and, so far, we have been able to ensure students have been taught by subject specialists. The students have all been incredibly mature and flexible, and I am confident that they have continued to receive the high standard of education you would expect.

Regrettably, some much anticipated extra-curricular trips have had to be postponed during this period of pressure, but please be assured we will rearrange these as soon as staffing levels return to normal and the current rise in infection eases. We are hopeful that no other measures are necessary, other than those we have already taken.

We will continue to update you, as always. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr G Williams**  
Senior Headteacher