

17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's newsletter primarily focuses on pupil behaviour and safety both in school and on the way home.

I would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring your child goes straight home after school, without detouring through parks, shops, or streets. While we understand the allure of socialising or exploring, prioritising safety is paramount. By going directly home, your child minimises their exposure to potential risks and dangers that may lurk in unfamiliar or unsupervised areas.

Additionally, adhering to this practice fosters a sense of responsibility and discipline, instilling valuable habits that contribute to their overall well-being. We greatly appreciate your co-operation and support in reinforcing these safety measures, as we strive to create a secure and nurturing environment for all our students. Together, we can ensure their safety and promote their success.

Using Classcharts

Last week I encouraged parents/carers to monitor Classcharts for up to date information on your child's behaviour at Rockwood Academy. This week I attach a useful guide entitled "How Parents Sign up to Classcharts". Please do download the app and use it. As a parent myself, I would find it invaluable to know what my child's experience at school is like, including how many merits they are receiving from their teacher, as well as being assured that they are putting the effort into their studies!

Update us on Medical Information

It is vital that we are kept up-to-date with any new medical information regarding your child. This might be medication they need to take, and medical diagnosis or a change in Doctor's Surgery. Such information not only ensures that our pupils are able to manage any medical issues efficiently when at school but also might just save a life.

To update us, please contact Reception with the information.

Uniform

Please see the attached photographs of acceptable uniform in the Academy. School uniform enables young people to develop the discipline of looking smart and professional that leads to working with purpose in life. It is always worth reminding everyone of the uniform expectations and the attached pictures are therefore intended to help. If any parents or carers are struggling to buy uniform, there are avenues in school to support families in these difficult times. Please do speak to your child's YGC or Head of Year in the first instance.

Year 9 Parents Evening Thursday 6th June 4.00 – 6.30pm

From Mrs Perveen (Head of Year 9) and Mr Hamza (Year-Group Co-ordinator) thank you all for attending the Year 9 option evening, therefore ensuring that parents and Year 9 were all well informed about the programme of study offered to them at key stage 4 Rockwood Academy. We were so pleased to see so many parents visit the academy and thank you for working in partnership with the academy to bring the best out of your child.

It goes without saying this again, we look forward to continuing our dialogue with you about your child and their progress to date. All our staff would like to welcome you back again. Please confirm your attendance by scanning the QR code.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Reeve", is written in a cursive style.

Mr R Reeve
Headteacher