



26th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are three weeks into the new term and the summer holidays are firmly in the rear-view mirror.

We have had a great start to the year here at Rockwood and I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome new parents to the school. Year 7 have had a fantastic beginning, and they are purposeful and enthusiastic.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few things that are either important reminders, new initiatives or important general points.

Stranger Awareness

There have been a couple of incidents in Ward End Park of strangers approaching our students. Please could you inform your child that they should not be walking alone and to be mindful of their safety.

One-Way System

This term, we are trialing a new one-way system for pupils around the school-site. We are a heavily over-subscribed school and space is often hard to find. In the interests of a safe, orderly and purposeful movement for all between lessons, pupils have been shown the new system as part of our new Behaviour Curriculum. We aim to actively teach our pupils about the best way to behave not just in school but in the wider society. There is no substitute for good parenting, however we feel it important to reinforce the importance of safety around others.

Attendance

One of our key priorities this year is improving Attendance. Since the Covid-19 Pandemic, more pupils have been regularly missing school than in the years prior. We simply must give our young people the best chance in life by attending school every day. If your child is absent for a prolonged period, please expect key staff to be in touch in order to support them back into school. Pupils must only be off if they are very ill and contagious – a slight sniffle means still coming to school!

Toilets

I was asked recently by a member of the community about our toilet format in school. During social times, our pupils are directed to separate Boys and Girls toilets. All but 2 of our toilet areas are split gender. The 2 that may be used by both boys and girls are only available during lesson time and are used rarely as we prefer pupils to be in lessons throughout.

Communication

If you need to communicate with a member of staff in school, the first port-of-call is usually your child's Head of Year or Year Group Coordinator.

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Medication - IMPORTANT

Please do **not** send any medication to school with your child for them to keep during the school day. We must keep all children safe and therefore I ask all parents/carers to follow the Rockwood protocols on medication: If your child requires medication, parents/carers **must** attend reception and complete a form and give us the medication. The staff responsible for first aid will then store it safely and arrange the administering of it. This is the **only** way medication can be taken in school. Following this protocol ensures children do not self-administer and therefore we reduce risk to them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Reeve
Headteacher