15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A few key notices from Rockwood:

**Attendance and Lateness to School**

As you are aware, attending school each day and on time is vital to the progress of all young people.

Please can I ask you to ensure that your child is on time at school, which is by 8.30am for an 8.35am start. It is unacceptable for a young person to arrive late or even slightly late. Vital learning takes place in form time at 8.35am, including an important reading lesson during the week.

Please do look at your child’s Planner, where they are tracking their own attendance each week.

**Lockdown Drill – Pupil Safety is our priority**

We conducted our Lockdown drill at the end of last half-term which was an important practice in case we ever need to initiate an actual Lockdown. All pupils took part and handled it well. When the alarm sounded, they and their staff ensured rooms were locked and they remained out of site. We always end a Lockdown drill with a fire alarm to count heads and ensure all are safe. Again, this was observed impeccably.

**Learning Journeys**

For each subject or course that our pupils take, they are given a Learning Journey that is placed at the front of their exercise book. This shows the “road map” over 5 years of the topics that they will learn over the course of their time in the school and therefore how their current topic fits in the “bigger picture”. Last week, Miss Creedon led assemblies with all year groups on the theme of “Knowledge is Power”, where she highlighted for them how important it is to learn key knowledge and fill gaps where learning has been missed.

Please do look at your child’s books and discuss with them their current topics and their overall Learning Journeys.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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