



13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware of “hoax” calls made to the Academy in recent weeks as part of an effort to disrupt learning at Rockwood.

We, of course, take seriously any threatening behaviour towards our students or staff, and have been in contact with the police regularly over the last fortnight. These “hoax” calls have disrupted the education of hundreds of children, as well as causing considerable distress to students and staff, and wasting police time and resources.

I can inform you that the police have made an arrest for last week’s disruption and their investigations remain ongoing.

I want to reassure you that I will not tolerate any further disruption to your children’s education, therefore Rockwood Academy will only be evacuating or closing in future if specifically advised to by the police. Otherwise, school will continue as normal.

In the interests of transparent and full communication, I would like to invite you to a meeting this **Tuesday 17th December at 10.00am at the school**, where I will give further information and next steps on how we will keep all our pupils safe. If you wish to attend, please arrive by 9.45am at Main Reception.

This event will be attended by PC Darren-Lee Fletcher, the police liaison for the school, who will talk alongside me and be able to answer any questions you may have from a policing point of view.

I’d like to thank you all for your understanding and support over a challenging period, and stress once again that our top priority is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, and their continued educational progress.

If you have any questions which you would prefer to discuss in advance of next week’s event, please feel free to contact me via reception.

With all best wishes,

Richard Reeve
Headteacher