



Rawmarsh Community School



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Dear Parent

It was with great delight that on Tuesday 1st September we began inviting students back into our school. September may not have been business as usual but we have worked tirelessly to ensure students still follow a broad and balanced curriculum in which they can flourish. The manner in which our students have adjusted to a different school day and school site is a credit to each and every one of them. This is a challenge that all of us have risen to; staff, parents and above all others, students.

As I said in September, this continues to be a fast-evolving situation. As always, you have my word that I keep our plans under constant review. We always act in the best interests of students and their families. The stringent measures in place ensure we prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all staff and students. Our year group bubble principle has proved very effective in preventing students from meeting other year groups and therefore reducing any opportunities for the spread of infection. As a result, we are now in a position to make significant changes to the school day for the benefit of staff, students and our families.

Therefore, from Monday 19th October, we are implementing a change to the school day in order to move towards a more *normal* working week. We will maintain a staggered start and finish, but I now feel that our staggered break times are no longer necessary. As a result, the timings of the school day will change as follows:

Year	Period 1	Period 2	Break 1	Period 3	Break 2	Period 4	Depart
7	8:50 am – 10:10 am*	10:20 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 13:20 pm	13:20 pm – 13:50 pm	13:50 pm – 15:00 pm	Bottom Gate
8	9:00 am – 10:10 am*	10:20 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 13:20 pm	13:20 pm – 13:50 pm	13:50 pm – 15:10 pm	Top Gate
9	9:10 am – 10:10 am*	10:20 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 13:20 pm	13:20 pm – 13:50 pm	13:50 pm – 15:20 pm	Top Gate
10	8:50 am – 10:10 am*	10:20 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 13:20 pm	13:20 pm – 13:50 pm	13:50 pm – 15:00 pm	Top Gate
11	8:40 am – 10:10 am*	10:20 am – 11:30 am	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 13:20 pm	13:20 pm – 13:50 pm	13:50 pm – 15:10 pm**	Bottom Gate

*There will be a 10 minute lesson changeover between period 1 and period 2 to enable staff to move between the bubbles. Students must move to their period 2 lesson and remain there.

**Period 5 lessons will be running for Y11 students in the near future.

Whilst we understand this continues to be a worrying time for everybody, we will continue to work with Wickersley Partnership Trust and follow government and scientific advice when making decisions.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and, should we get any new advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education or Rotherham Local Authority, we will inform you immediately.

Thank you all for your ongoing support in what we understand may be a concerning time for you.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Turton
Headteacher