



Rawmarsh Community School



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Dear Parent

On the 8th June, the Government announced that they were "working towards bringing **all** children back to school in September". Consequently, it is of the utmost importance for us to explain what we are doing in school with regards to the Coronavirus COVID-19.

At Wickersley Partnership Trust, we will aim to implement the government strategy to the best of our ability, whilst adapting it to the needs of the school community (pupils, parents and staff). Whilst we understand this is a very worrying time for everybody, we will continue to follow Government and scientific advice and guidance when making decisions. However, in this unprecedented time, as with all decisions we have made, the safety and well-being of our community are our first priorities. You have my word that we will keep our plans under constant review and always act in the best interests of students and their families.

We aim to get students into school as quickly as possible. However, it is critical that we continue to respond to Government and scientific advice. Our current plan is to gradually phase students back into school, to ensure that all year groups get the appropriate provision and support needed to have a positive start to the new school year. This phased return will begin with Year 7 and Year 11, followed by Year 10, then Year 8 and finally Year 9. Please see below for proposed start dates for each year group.

- Wednesday 2nd September, school will reopen to all students in Year 7 and Year 11
- Monday 7th September, school will open to all Year 10 students (in addition to Year 7 and Year 11)
- Wednesday 9th September, School will open to all Year 8 students (in addition to Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11)
- Monday 14th September school will be open to all Year 9 students and commence full reopening.

When students do return to school it is very likely that each year group will be taught in their own specific teaching area, have a staggered start and finish time and have separate break times from other year groups. We will write in due course regarding specific information and the expectations of students.

Where students are not expected in school we will continue to provide provision through our online platforms. Your child will have access to the following specific platforms of work:

1. Google drive specific to each year group including specific faculty folders. Within these can be found lesson resources and banks of work for them to complete
2. Google classrooms for each year group with more specific tasks for them to follow and links to online platforms
3. Online platforms including SAM learning and Hegarty Maths
4. Online live lessons as part of the learning cycle
5. Recorded lessons uploaded to Google Classroom by teaching staff
6. Paper copies of work can be provided for students without access to a computer at home. Please email requests to jrotheram@rawmarsh.org

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Each school has a COVID-19 risk assessment which includes a number of measures to mitigate risk to both our students and staff. We will adopt a phased approach so that we can monitor the situation, review and respond accordingly.

In order to reduce the spread of any infection, students are also being given guidance by staff about good hygiene, which includes:

- Use of tissues to catch a cough or sneeze, then binning the tissue and washing hands.
- Washing hands frequently, particularly after using public transport, before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, before leaving school. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

The Trust has significantly increased the frequency of cleaning around the schools, ensuring that high traffic areas and touch surfaces are cleaned more frequently during the day. We have increased the amount of hand sanitisers around the school buildings and we have or are making provision for additional hand sanitiser to be available in dining areas. Our hand washing areas remain well stocked and we have talked to children about how to properly wash their hands, placing posters in key areas to remind us all to maintain good hygiene. If you are aware that your child has any allergies relating to an alcohol-based sanitiser, please ensure that you contact the school and let us know immediately.

School registers will be taken in line with statutory guidance and contact with home will be made as normal regarding student absence. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school as normal: good attendance is essential for your child's education.

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.

Please be aware that this is fast evolving situation and we do not underestimate the anxieties that families are facing. We will continue to share all new information and advice specific to the school with you as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your ongoing support at what we understand may be a concerning time for you.

Yours sincerely

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