



RAWMARSH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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9th July 2026

Dear Parent/carer,

As this academic year's final days are approaching, I'd like to provide some useful information to all parents, including our last day arrangements, INSET days scheduled for next academic year, and equipment requirements for 2026/27.

Arrangements for the last day of term:

On the last day of term, **Friday 17th July**, students will finish school earlier. The arrangements are as follows:

The day will be as normal for periods 1 and 2, followed by first break at 11:50 am - 12:20 pm. At the end of break time, students will go to their form room and meet with their Form Tutor to be registered. **Students will then be dismissed and escorted off the school site from 12:30 pm.**

School reopening - Wednesday 2nd September

All students will return for the next academic year on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. Students should be in their tutor room, fully equipped and in full uniform, by **8:40 am**.

Uniform - taking pride in our appearance:

We expect all students to attend in full uniform; students in full uniform are students on message and fully focused on learning. I am pleased to recognise the vast majority of students consistently meeting uniform expectations over this academic year. This should continue. In September, students who arrive with items that do not fit our uniform policy will not be permitted to attend their lessons.

Purchasing school uniforms can be challenging for parents, as many retail outlets market inappropriate items as 'school trousers' or 'school skirts'. Trousers should be tailored, black trousers, not leggings. Please do not purchase any trousers that are labelled 'leggings'.

I am confident that parents share our concern over the lengths of some school skirts. Skirts should be 'knee-length' and made of an appropriate fabric to ensure they do not become excessively short.

Additionally, students wearing socks should arrive in black socks, and school shoes should be plain black leather or leather-look shoes. Shoes should not be made of canvas material.

Jewellery:

The only visible jewellery a student wears should be one small stud or sleeper in each ear. Students seen with any other jewellery will be asked to remove it. This then poses a potential risk that jewellery with monetary or sentimental value could be lost. Therefore, we request that no other jewellery be brought onto the school site.

Equipment, bags, phones:

All students should arrive on Wednesday 2nd September with a bag big enough to hold an A4 folder. This bag will be needed to carry files, books, their planner, and their PE Kit on days they have PE lessons. Students should also be equipped with, as a minimum, 2x pens, 1x pencil, 1x rubber and 1x ruler, in a pencil case. All students are expected to *take responsibility for their choices and actions and support others around them*. Students who fail to arrive equipped slow their learning down, and the learning of other students; this is not acceptable.

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As you will be aware, the Government has made it law that all schools in England are legally required to enforce a *completely phone-free environment throughout the school day*. This aligns with our established policy, reinforcing our commitment for students to be focused on learning every day. Mobile phones, or any device capable of mobile communication, should not be *seen, used, or heard* anywhere on the school grounds. If *seen, used, or heard*, phones will be confiscated.

Any student who chooses to bring a mobile phone to school must store this, turned off, in their bag. If a student carries their phone on their person, it will be confiscated - phones in pockets are not permitted. Any single confiscation will result in the student collecting the phone at the end of the school day. Repeat confiscation will result in parents being required to collect the phone.

Planners / Homework:

On their first day in September, each student will be issued their 2026/27 school planner. They should bring this to school each day and use its tools during lessons. Students will be expected to record Attendance and CFP / Praise Point information and to record their academic data when data collections are released. Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, students will need to use their planner to record and track homework completion. Homework activities are designed to support in-class learning. The students who make the most progress throughout their school years are those who can apply themselves independently at home. The planners issued to students will include a suggested schedule for days homework activities should be completed, along with the details of how frequently staff will set homework activities for different subjects.

On-site beyond 3:10 pm

We have noticed a small number of students staying on site after the 3:10 pm bell. While we welcome students accessing after-school activities, we are unable to provide adequate supervision of students outside of these activities. Unless a student is attending one of our after-school clubs, or required to stay behind to speak with a teacher, they should head home at the end of the day. As such, all students need to leave the site at 3:10 pm unless involved in a school-based activity. To ensure everyone's safety and supervision, we will be kindly enforcing this starting Wednesday 2nd September.

Final messages:

I would like to mention one staff member, Alison Howard, who is retiring after 19 years of supporting Rawmarsh families. We are very grateful for her commitment, compassion, and her ability to champion all families. She has given so much to our current students and their families, and, due to her longevity, many of you remember her from your time as students. We are saddened to see Alison leave, but would like to wish her the very best in her retirement.

All the staff at the school would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. Our school priorities for the next academic year include supporting every student to make progress, increasing the number of students with good attendance, and improving the outcomes of Year 11 examinations. As I said in this year's Awards Assemblies, if we work as a team (student / parent / school) to help develop resilience and determination in our young people, they can and will achieve great things.

We hope you have a restful summer break and look forward to the return of all students on Wednesday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely



Mark Conlin
Headteacher

RCS School Day

Time	Period
8:10 am	Site Opens
8:40 am - 9:00 am	Form Tutor Time
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Reading
9:20 am - 10:35 am	Period 1
10:35 am - 11:50 am	Period 2
11:50 am - 12:20 pm	First Break
12:20 pm - 1:30 pm	Period 3
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Second Break
2:00 pm - 3:10 pm	Period 4



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Key Dates - Inset Days 2026/2027

- Tuesday, 1st September 2026
- Monday, 2nd November 2026
- Friday, 18th December 2026
- Monday, 22nd February 2027
- Friday, 25th June 2027

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