



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

## End of Term and September Update

I am writing to outline our plans regarding the end of term so that any necessary provisions can be made for your child and also to outline our intentions for re-opening in September in line with current government guidance.

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your continued engagement with remote learning. We understand it has been challenging but the work your child has done will help to stand him/her in good stead for September and the year ahead.

The **School will be closed** to all pupils for the **duration of the summer holidays** (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September) but in order to keep up with work and additional learning we recommend that you signpost your child to the following websites and encourage as much reading as possible:

BBC Bitesize      The Oak Academy Trust      Pobble 365      BBC News – Science page

Maths specifically:      <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>      <https://nrich.maths.org/primary>  
<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/54454>

Working within Government guidance, we have tried to welcome as many pupils back into school as possible over the last few months maximising our staffing and capacity. However, as we approach the end of term we will only be able to have our Year 8 pupils in school on the last day of term - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We will be marking the end of their journey at Ryecroft and giving them a final goodbye send-off.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Ryecroft will be closed to Year 6 and Critical Worker pupils.** We do appreciate having Year 8 in school on 17<sup>th</sup> July may cause some issues for these families – we would like to thank you for your support with our Year 8 event.

We plan to **open** to all pupils on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. The school will still be very different, with the recommended social distancing, hygiene measures and temperature controls in place.

The school start time will remain the same. Pupils will be allowed on site from 8:30am and be expected to be in school by 8:45am. Each year group will be split into two classes and be allocated to a 'permanent' base. All teachers will rotate around the groups as dictated by the timetable, to ensure pupils get access to a broad and balanced curriculum taught by subject specialists. We will need to stagger break times, lunch and the end of the day to reduce any chance of infection. Further details will follow next week.

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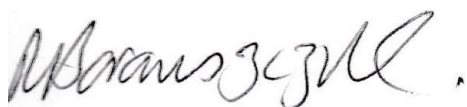
Under the new guidance, pupils should bring in their own equipment (pencil case with pens, pencils etc.) for lessons and are expected to come to school in their normal school uniform, except on the days they have P.E. In this instance, pupils should come to school in their P.E kit and wear this for the duration on the day.

Regarding attendance, the government expects normal procedures to be followed. If you feel you wish to discuss your personal circumstances further please contact the school at the earliest convenience so that we can address any issues.

We will continue to communicate information to you as our plans develop, so please keep an eye out for emails or refer to the school website for information, which will be updated as necessary throughout the holiday period.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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