

REF: ADMIN/WHOLE SCHOOL/GAR/BEN
DATE: 12th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that we now have all year groups back into school and we look forward to teaching face to face once again. I have a few reminders and updates for you.

The school start times are staggered, and each year group has a different start and end time. Please ensure that your child is punctual and does not mix with other year groups.

Times of the School Day

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mon – Thurs	8.40 – 2.50	8.55 – 3.00	8.40 – 2.50	8.55 – 3.00	9.10 – 3.10
Friday	8.40 – 2.25	8.55 – 2.35	8.40 – 2.25	8.55 – 2.35	9.10 – 2.45
Entrance	Rook Street	Yates Street	Yates Street	Rook Street	Rook Street

Uniform

PLEASE WEAR		PLEASE DON'T WEAR	
✓	*School badged blazer		
✓	*Charcoal grey, school style trousers (available from school or local store) *Charcoal grey skirt – straight or pleated just above the knee (only available from school)	x	Hipsters, jean-style, tight or casual trousers, or leggings. Trousers must be school style and not made of a stretchy lycra fabric.
✓	A white school shirt which buttons to the neck	x	Open neck shirts, or shirts without a top button
✓	*A school tie		
✓	A plain, navy v-neck jumper, with or without sleeves in a knitted fabric and of a suitable length to be worn with school blazer	x	Sweatshirt style, hooded, zips or buttons, cardigans. Black jumpers are not allowed. Round neck jumpers are not allowed.
✓	Black, school style shoes	x	Boots, heels, trainers, pumps, footwear with logos or steel caps
✓	Black socks Plain black tights in an opaque style	x	Coloured, patterned or bright socks Not see-through or patterned tights
✓	A white craft apron		

***Please note:** all starred uniform can only be purchased through Uniform Direct 2U. Order forms can be obtained from the School Office or the Ruskin Website:
www.ruskinhighschool.co.uk

Equipment

Students need to be properly equipped with: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pair of compasses and a protractor.

Pastoral support

I continue to lead on pastoral care and the Year Achievement Managers (YAMs) are:

Mr Ledwards	Year 7
Mrs Managh	Year 8
Miss Grinnell	Year 9
Miss Pownall	Year 10
Mr Hartley	Year 11

Pastoral care continues to be a strength at Ruskin and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or head of year.



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead continues to be Mr Vitalis. Mrs Harrison, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, works closely with Mr Vitalis and they have an established team working with them to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. Students will receive a safeguarding update in assemblies, and we always encourage our students to report their concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Attendance

From the 8th March 2021 pupil attendance is be mandatory except for those isolating, shielding or quarantining and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered student
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Although school attendance is mandatory, we recognise there are some circumstances where students cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

This includes those who are required to self-isolate because they:

- have symptoms or have had a positive test result
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

It also includes those students who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable. The advice is they should shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. They are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally. We are entitled to request from parents a copy of the shielding letter sent to any CEV children, to confirm that they are advised not to attend school or other educational settings whilst shielding guidance is in place.

For any children who cannot attend school due the reasons above we will provide remote educational resources on ClassCharts and/or Microsoft Teams.

Absences for any reason need to be reported to us in the usual way by calling us on 01270 560514.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Garnett
Assistant Headteacher