

14th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to get some of our students back onto the school site today; many thanks to our site team for making this possible for us. The support & attendance for our online 'live' provision remains really strong and I would like to thank parents, students and teachers for making this happen. Thank you for your continued support while we manage the ongoing, problematic, freezing weather conditions, school site and travel issues.

We have managed to accommodate the students that we have had on site today in a safe way. However, to increase student numbers at this stage would present a risk. Our site staff have continued to try and maintain the pathways to stay clear, but ice now presents an additional risk to our students. Whilst some areas of the site have been cleared, the main part of the school playground remains under a foot of snow and remains out of bounds. The Astroturf pitches are also still not usable, meaning that there is insufficient outside space for our students to use during break/lunchtime. **(Please see a selection of images below from our school site today).** We have brought in additional site staff to support the efficient clearing of our site, but the situation hasn't changed enough for us to extend students numbers on site.

Therefore, we will continue to offer the same provision tomorrow (Thursday 15th December 2022) but can extend to Year 10 on site too.

We will follow the severe weather protocol day on site for Years 10 to 13 only.

The school gates will open at 9.50am. Students will go straight to period 3 at 10.00am. If your child is going to be absent, please follow the usual school protocols and inform us by 9.15am. For parents that are bringing their children to school, please be mindful of the treacherous conditions on Brook Road and surrounding roads/pavements. All children attending school site must wear appropriate footwear and a warm coat. Please note that our high standards of all other aspects of uniform remain the same.

All Year Groups	10.00 Arrival	10.00-10.50 Period 3	10.50-11.40 Period 4	11.40-12.10 Lunch	12.10-13.00 Period 5	13.00-13.50 Period 6	13.50 Departure
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Years 7 to 9 will continue to be taught remotely, following the same alternative day lesson times as today. This is to ensure that staff who are teaching Years 10 to 13 students on site as well as Years 7 to 9 online have lesson timings that coordinate.

The remote learning links for years **7-9**, will be sent to students via the Google calendar, be posted on Google classroom and shared with groups via Edulink. This will mean that no child should miss the links needed to access lessons.

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This is the proposed plan for opening tomorrow, but please check your emails in the morning, just in case, there needs to be any changes.

As I stated in my previous communication, I am trying to provide adequate advance notice of our plans. I can only reiterate that due to the remaining presence of snow and continuing freezing temperatures, we will continue to decide on the timings of the school days, one day at a time. The decision will always be based on keeping everyone safe on the school site. This will depend on the physical weather and ground conditions. I am sure you will appreciate there are a lot of factors to consider; our aim is to get as many students as possible on site. However, student and staff safety is paramount. I am delighted therefore, that we can continue to offer a full complement of education to all of our students, whether online or face to face.

If your child would normally have been in receipt of free school meals this week and you would benefit from some support with this, please contact Miss Dyer, Deputy Headteacher - sdyer@rodingvalley.net

Travel slowly and carefully.

Many thanks in advance,

S Jenner

Sharon Jenner
Headteacher

