



The Russett School Newsletter

Week beginning 22nd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and families,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

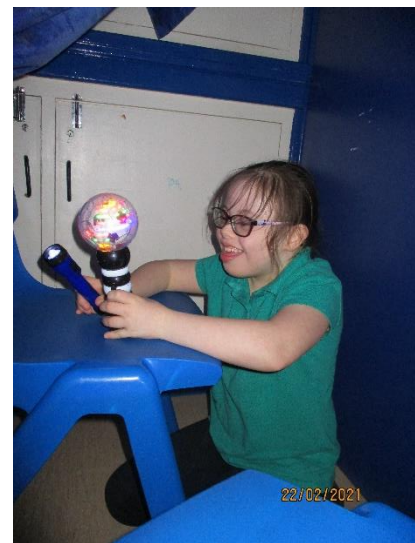
Current update

Following the Government's announcement on Monday, school attendance is mandatory for all pupils from Monday 8th March. Absence without valid reason will now be recorded as unauthorised and the local authority can also issue fixed penalties. We will be returning to our normal academy hours of 8.50am to 3.10pm. However, in line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend the academy.

A reminder that your child should self-isolate and not come in to the academy if: they have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive; live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive or have been in closed contact with someone who has tested positive.


World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place next Thursday! We would like to invite our pupils to dress up as their favourite character for the day. For pupils in Upper School, we also have a literacy company working in the academy on Tuesday 2nd. Activities are planned for all pupils in lower school classes. Earlier this month we advertised the [#ShareAStory](#) initiative, please continue to send in any photos of your child sharing a story at home - prizes will be awarded for the most innovative ideas! Additionally, World Book Day are running a 'Show Your Shares' competition where you could win a £100 National Book Token per school and per family, with the best pictures being featured in their online gallery. Please go to <https://www.worldbookday.com/show-your-shares/> for more information.





Covid 19



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Please keep us informed at all stages to ensure that the academy can remain open and ensure the safety of the other pupils and staff.

Pupil absence during term time

Can I remind you that if a request is made for a pupil to be absent from the academy during term time, it will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are exceptional. The Local Authority will then issue a fine to parents/carers where the absence is for 5 consecutive days, in accordance with S.444 of the Education Act 1986.

Pupil Absence

Can I remind you that it is the duty and responsibility of a parent/carer to contact the academy as soon as possible to inform us if their child is going to be absent from the academy and for what reason. This should be done on the first day of absence and if the child is absent for more than one Day, the academy should be kept updated daily. This can be done by telephone 01606 855832 or by email to admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk or in writing via the escorts.

Parent/carer contact numbers

It is important that we are able to contact you at all times and especially in the case of an emergency. Can you please make sure that if we have to contact a parent/carer in an emergency, that you are available. Ideally, we require three contact names and numbers for each pupil. Please also remember to update us with any change in contact details.

Pupil Illness

Please keep pupils off from the academy if they are not well. The Pupil Illness Protocol is on the academy website and advises of the reporting procedure and gives guidance on different illnesses.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Can parents please send a copy of any appointment letters into the academy if they ask to collect their child early for medical/dental appointments etc.

Facebook and Twitter

As parents are aware, the academy has an official facebook page and it can be reached through the link on the academy website. Please be mindful that any comments made are in the public arena. Parents and Carers can follow the academy on our twitter account: @RussettSchool and also our Facebook page. However, if you have any queries or concerns please telephone the academy, the Leadership Team is always available to discuss any queries or concerns.

Measles

Can parents/carers inform us if they or any member of the family have been in contact with German Measles, Measles or Rubella. Please inform the academy immediately.

Procedure for the supporting of pupils with medical conditions

Please can all parents ensure that when information is requested by the academy under this procedure that it is returned. Under NHS Policies, the academy does not have access to medical information held by the academy nurses

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's academy.

Please follow the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/link-to-us> and support your academy.

Transport

If there are any changes to your child's transport arrangements, please ensure that you phone transport Co-ordination on either Cheshire West 01244 973377 or Cheshire East 01270 371489. There have been a number of occasions that transport have not been informed.



Jack, Frankie, Reece

Key Dates

Careers week
World Book Day
Trust Board Virtual Meeting
Science Week

Monday 1st March 2021
Thursday 4th March 2021
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Monday 8th March 2021

Careers Day
Polish Day
Careers Day
Lower school Easter service
Upper school Easter service
Academy closes for Easter
Academy opens
May Bank Holiday
Academy closes for half term
INSET Day
Academy opens
Parents evening
Parents evening
Sports Week
Sports Day
Polish Day
Academy closes
INSET Day
INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd March 2021
Tuesday 23rd March 2021
Wednesday 24th March 2021
Thursday 25th March 2021
Friday 26th March 2021
Thursday 1st April 2021
Monday 19th April 2021
Monday 3rd May 2021
Friday 28th May 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Tuesday 8th June 2021
Tuesday 8th June 2021
Tuesday 15th June 2021
Monday 21st June 2021
Friday 25th June 2021
Tuesday 6th July 2021
Monday 19th July 2021
Tuesday 20th July 2021
Wednesday 21st July 2021

Thank you for your continued support.



Catherine Lewis

EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER