

8 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your family are well.

Please take the time to read the information in this letter carefully as it outlines our current proposals for the rest of this term based on the most recent Government guidance. The key priority remains the welfare and safety of students and staff.

At the present time it is highly likely that Year 9 students will not be expected to return to school before September. We appreciate this extended period away from school has been challenging for everyone. We also anticipate that in September that 'school' as we know it may not be the same as when we started 'lockdown.' We may not be able to welcome back all the students at the same time, operate a rota system or return to a period of lockdown. All of which may cause further disruption to students learning. As a result, we want to prepare all the students for the future, by becoming familiar with online lessons using Microsoft Teams, so we can deliver the curriculum in a variety of ways.

Last week Year 10 students started online lessons using Microsoft Teams. We have been pleased by the positive response from many students and parents. We now want to expand these lessons to Year 9 students. The first week will be a mixture of online learning and set work. Later this week a timetable will be available explaining which subjects are using online learning next week.

All the information needed will be available on the home page of the school website. There is a large icon named 'Remote Learning', with separate information for each year group.

The current plans for Year 9 students are outlined below:

Week beginning Monday 15 June

- Introduce online learning via Teams for specific subjects (TBC).
- Online lessons will not involve staff accessing the 'chat' facility

Week beginning Monday 22 June

- Increase online learning via Teams for specific subjects (TBC)
- Online lessons will not involve staff accessing the 'chat' facility

Week beginning Monday 29 June

- All subjects delivered via Teams

Week beginning Monday 6 July

- All subjects delivered via Teams

Week beginning Monday 13 July

- The arrangements for the final week of term will be confirmed nearer the time as school decisions will be based on the updated Government advice.

The Ramsey Academy is open to students, whose parents are key workers, those with an EHCP or agreed others, but now we will also cater for those in Year 10 who need support to access online learning. Please contact the Main Office to request a place and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible.

Those students attending school will have to follow strict social distancing and personal hygiene rules. If they fail to follow expectations, they will be subject to normal behaviour sanctions, including exclusion from the school site. Students do not have to wear school uniform but wear suitable clothes that should be washed on returning home. At the present time the canteen remains closed so students should bring a packed lunch and drinks.

Staff will continue to contact home to complete the welfare checks. Please encourage your child to respond to their tutor as soon as possible and raise any issues of support they may need to complete the new work being set.

We would like to remind you that if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school.

The decision for your child to attend school is based on your judgement about their safety and welfare. At the current time it is not compulsory for students to attend and we will not issue penalty notices following non-attendance.

We hope these arrangements will allow your child to maintain and develop their learning during these challenging times. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes.

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