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Dear Parents/Carers

As we start the Summer Term, we want to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Last term was particularly challenging with high levels of student and staff absence due to covid-19 infections and other illness.

The requirement for completing covid-19 LFD testing has now finished but we would encourage you to follow the most recent Government guidelines.

The NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated.

Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the [UKHSA guidance](#). Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Additional guidance following the Living with COVID announcement, should also be followed.

UKHSA has now published new guidance for the general population on [reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace](#). This came into effect on Friday 1 April and is also relevant to education and childcare settings.

Staff Leavers and Joiners

As usual at the end of the term several staff are leaving Ramsey and we welcome others. At the end of term, we said goodbye to Miss Keen (SENCO & Learning Support), Mrs Holdsworth (Humanities), Mrs Pridham (Learning Support), Mrs Keen (Reception) and Miss Buist (English). We thank them for everything they have done to support students during their time at Ramsey and wish them good luck for the future.

We welcome Miss Halls (Humanities & Learning Support).

Year 7 September

We were delighted to receive a record number of applications for the new Year 7 cohort. Once again, we have offered places over our Published Admission Number to ensure as many local families can access their local school as their first choice. Unfortunately, we have not been able to offer a place to everyone who has applied and have a 'waiting list'.

New Data System

Last term you received information regarding the school's new Data Management System, Arbor. This will replace other forms of communication, including Edulink. We would encourage you to download the 'Arbor app' as soon as possible.

Attendance and Uniform

High levels of attendance are important to ensure students do not miss more learning and close gaps in knowledge caused by the pandemic. It is also to re-establish positive learning behaviours, routines and provide access to the wider curriculum.

Please ensure your child attends school regularly and absence is minimised. If you require support to improve their attendance, please contact the Raising Standards Leader.

Setting high standards and expectations is important for establishing effective learning routines. Uniform plays an important role in setting these expectations. Last term there was an increase in the number of students failing to follow the uniform guidance. Details can be found on the school website ([Uniform and Equipment - The Ramsey Academy, Halstead](#)).

We ask for your support to make sure your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. The school has a small stock of second hand uniform and in specific cases may be able to provide support. Please contact the Pastoral Team to discuss this further.

Governor Vacancies

The Local Governing Committee have a number of vacancies for either Parent or Co-Opted Governors. The Governors play a vital role to offer challenge and support to the school Leaders. If you or know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school for further details.

Yours faithfully



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