

2 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are now a month into the Autumn Term, we have taken the time to review the 'control measures' we introduced to ensure the welfare and safety of students and staff.

We have generally been pleased with the response of the students, but we are aware of issues linked to all lessons being delivered in specific areas, staggered lunchtimes, and breaks.

Due to the responsible way students have followed the expectations and the introduction of compulsory face coverings in corridors and communal areas outside the classroom from Monday 5 October, we feel able to change several aspects of the school day. We feel this will benefit the education and emotional wellbeing of students and staff, without compromising their safety.

From Monday 12 October, the "learning zones" will be removed allowing lessons to be taught in the normal timetabled rooms. Students will be expected to use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the room, use antiseptic wipes to clean their desk and chair at the end of the lesson and be reminded to wear their face covering before leaving the lesson.

We will expect students to follow social distancing guidelines and behave responsibly when moving between lessons. Once again, we reiterate that students must wear face coverings when moving around the school.

The timings of the day will be changed based on feedback from the students and staff.

8.30 a.m.	Registration
8.50 a.m.	Period 1
9.50 a.m.	Period 2
10.50 a.m.	Comfort Break (no food but water refills will be available)
11.10 a.m.	Period 3
12.10 p.m.	Lunch (staggered times – see below)
1.00 p.m.	Period 4
2.00 p.m.	Period 5

Each year group will still have a specific entrance/exit to use at the start and end of the day. The "social zones" will remain, but each year group will be allocated an indoor area, an outdoor area, and toilets.

Year	Entrance/Exit	Inside space	Outdoor space	Toilets	Lunch
7	Near Astro	Hall	Courts	Changing rooms	Canteen 12.30
8	Near Astro	Gym	Courts	Main corridor	Canteen 12.10
9	Main gate by sports centre	Library & Sports Hall when wet	Astro	New Hall	Café 12.30
10	Main gate by sports centre	English area	Astro	New Hall	Café 12.45
11	Pedestrian gate	Bois Hall and downstairs classrooms	Triangle and canopy	Bois Hall	Café 12.10

The most recent Government advice has changed regarding wearing face coverings on school transport. It now states:

In accordance with advice from Public Health England, we recommend that local authorities advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt. Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others

Therefore, please encourage your child to wear a face covering on school buses, taxis and public transport.

We are aware of a several schools in the local area that have reported either a student or staff member with a positive Covid-19 test. If this occurs at The Ramsey Academy, we will inform you immediately. Those children or adults who have been in 'close contact' with someone who has tested positive will be informed and be expected to self-isolate for 14 days.

Please ensure we have the most recent details for two contacts if possible, so we inform you of the situation as soon as possible.

Work will be provided via remote learning using Microsoft Teams. The normal timetable will be followed but with shorter lessons. Further details will be sent to you at the time.

If a student is absent and self-isolating, please note that work will be provided for their timetabled lessons, for the duration of their absence. Their work will be posted onto Teams within 24 hours of them being absent. Students can access Teams through the school website and will be able to see the work set for each class. Students will need to complete the work set, for the lessons they would have missed and return to the teacher by 5.00 p.m. the same day.

If your child has any queries relating to work on Teams, they should contact the following people, depending on their query:

- Technical support in accessing Teams e.g. the app not working: contact IT support ITsupport@ramseyacademy.com
- Subject specific help with the work e.g. not understanding a concept or task: contact the subject teacher

All other enquiries about Teams, contact Mrs Price hprice@ramseyacademy.com

Several parents have requested details of the 'catch-up curriculum' for each subject. These can be found on the school website, either in the Covid-19 folder or in the Curriculum documents.

We appreciate these are more changes to the daily routine but hope these will be seen as a positive alteration that will enhance the daily learning experience for the students. During tutor time next week, staff will ensure students are fully aware of the new routines and expectations.

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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