

1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term.

This week we see the start of a revised curriculum delivery model. Details were sent out before half term, but a reminder that all the information is available on the home page of the school website. There is a large icon named 'Remote Learning', with separate information for each year group.

We appreciate there will be a period of time for students and staff to adjust to new methods of teaching and learning. Any feedback from you and the students would be welcomed.

The Ramsey Academy has been 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. However, the provision will now return to the Ramsey site rather than at Richard de Clare Community Academy. 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.

You will have no doubt seen in the news that schools may partially reopen on 15 June for year 10 students, if the government thinks it's safe to do so. This is unlikely to be on a full-time basis but will allow pupils to get some face-to-face contact with teachers to support their home learning.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to receive the students if it is safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We are creating a detailed phased reopening plan that we will share with you as soon as possible. Some of the precautions we will be taking will include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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