

23 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your family are well.

There have been numerous Government announcements regarding possible school provision during the past week and we want to update you with how they impact Ramsey students.

At the present time we do not intend to open during the summer holiday period, unless the Government guidance changes significantly. If there are additional activities planned that involve the school opening to provide welfare programmes, we will update you as soon as possible.

At the moment we have increased the face-to-face onsite provision for Year 10 students. Students and parents attended Academic – Welfare Reviews last week and this week lessons for English have been well attended. During the next two weeks, lessons for Mathematics and Science will take place onsite.

We have increased the remote learning via Microsoft Teams to lower year groups. Next week all year groups will access work using Teams. We intend to offer an Academic – Welfare Review to students in Year 7, 8 and 9 during the last week of term. Further details about the reviews will be distributed next week.

During the next few weeks all students will receive several a Pupil Engagement Report. The report will be completed by all teachers to indicate the level of engagement with remote lessons and learning. We do not intend to issue end of year reports as it will be difficult to provide accurate progress data during the school closure period.

Every Friday a ‘Student Bulletin’ is sent home containing recognition for good work, challenges, advice for well-being and other information. Please take the time to read the bulletin to gather a flavour of the excellent work being completed in challenging circumstances.

The Ramsey Academy is open to students, whose parents are key workers, those with an EHCP or agreed others, and we 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, but we would encourage you to send your children in to school if possible

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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