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Dear Parents/Carers

Initially we would like to thank you for your support during the past week and the kind comments many of you have forwarded to us regarding the remote learning. We appreciate there are some minor issues to sort out but overall, we are pleased with how quickly the students and staff have adapted to the new expectations so smoothly.

Our apologies for yet another letter, but we want to keep you updated in a rapidly changing situation.

### **Onsite provision**

Whilst most students are studying at home there are a number accessing onsite provision. The Government guidance has been updated and now states:

*Schools should remain open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical workers can go to school if required. This includes parents who may be working from home. The guidance sets out that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.*

We would like to highlight the final sentence. If your child can remain at home, please follow this guidance so we are able to limit the number of staff onsite and movement of people in the local community.

### **Remote Learning**

We would like to confirm several aspects of the online learning. Students will be registered for every lesson and non-attendance will be followed up. You can monitor your child's attendance by using the Edulink App if you wish.

We are concerned that an excessive amount of time sitting in front of a computer screen may not be good for many reasons. Therefore, students have been set various well-being challenges to complete instead of core Physical Education lessons. Also, whilst most lessons are currently 'live', staff will vary the nature of the lessons from next week. Lessons may be 'live', pre-recorded with set tasks or a mixture of both.

Teachers will be available throughout the lesson to offer support unless they are absent. This applies to 'study skills' and 'learning support' lessons. If the teacher is absent the register will still be taken, and work will be set. Your child will be informed if the teacher is not available during the lesson due to illness.

Last week we sent a letter informing you of additional internet data to ensure students can access lessons. If you would like to make use of this offer, please send us the relevant details as soon as possible.

**Welfare and safeguarding**

During the lockdown period we will continue to deliver counselling and on occasion some other one-to-one support. We have consent from parents whose children already receive counselling, but it has not previously been required for other one to one support. Therefore, to protect both student and the member of staff these sessions may be recorded.

It will be important during the next few months to keep the students motivated and celebrate their achievements. Therefore, the Ramsey@Home weekly bulletin will be issued every Friday. Please encourage your child to submit good pieces of work and participate in the 'Weekly Challenge'. There will also be an Inter-House Competition every fortnight, to maintain the sense of healthy rivalry between Aspiration, Diversity and Endeavour.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, as we work together to ensure the students can aspire to 'be the best you can be'.

Stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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